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CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK MAY 3-10

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES across the nation will observe Christian Home Week May 3-10. "The Family in a Changing Society" is the theme for this year's emphasis.—BSSB Photo.

U.S. Supreme Court Agrees To Rule On Church School Aid

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Supreme Court has agreed to rule on the constitutionality of a state law that provides public funds for non-public schools which are largely church-related.

The Pennsylvania Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Education

Act provides substantial funds for the purchase of "secular" educational services from non-public schools.

Of the schools so aided approximately 97 per cent are church-related. Of the 1,140 church-related elementary schools in Pennsylvania, all but 56 are Roman Catholic, and of the 276 church-related secondary schools in Pennsylvania, all but 27 are Roman Catholic.

The public funds allocated to the nonpublic schools come from a special tax on horse racing. Of these proceeds up to \$10 million are available. Beyond that, one-half of all proceeds above the \$10 million are available at the direction of the superintendent of public instruction.

The "secular" services in the nonpublic schools are defined as courses in mathematics, modern foreign language, physical sciences, physical education. The reimbursement is limited to the actual cost to a non-public school of the teachers salaries, textbooks, and instructional material used in the teaching of the courses.

A three-judge district court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania dismissed the case in 1969 claiming that the complainants had no standing in the court and that the law did not violate either the state or federal constitutions. The case was then appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court.

In addition to individual taxpayers, the case was taken to the Supreme Court by the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Pennsylvania Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, the Pennsylvania Jewish

Community Relations Conference, Americans United, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania. Defendants include the state superintendent of public instruction, Catholic, Jewish and Lutheran schools and the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools.

Among the eight questions presented to the Supreme Court in this case are:

—Does the Pennsylvania law violate the free exercise of religion by using the power of taxation to force persons to contribute to the propagation of religion by the supporting of sectarian schools?

—Does the statute violate the equal protection of the law clause of the constitution because the public funds are disbursed to racially and religiously discriminating schools?

—Does the disbursement of public funds to nonpublic schools, because of the increasing costs of public schools

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Court Not To Hear Space Protest

WASHINGTON (BP) — Madalyn Murray O'Hair, noted atheist crusader, lost another round in her battle against religion when the U. S. Supreme Court refused to hear her plea to restrain the religious practices of astronauts in space.

Mrs. O'Hair charged that the broadcast of a prayer and of a Bible reading of the account of creation by the astronauts violated the "no establishment of religion" clause of the First Amendment. She also claimed that such broadcast violated her constitutional right of freedom of religion.

The charges arose after a broadcast on Dec. 24, 1968 from the Apollo 8 flight around the moon. Mrs. O'Hair claimed that the broadcast was not a private expression of religion by the astronauts. Rather, she said that the religious broadcasts were arranged by and financed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

The U. S. Supreme Court received Mrs. O'Hair's appeal from the U. S. District Court for the western district of Texas. It announced its decision not to hear (refused certiorari) without giving any reasons for its refusal. The district court had dismissed her complaint for lack of a federal question.

In addition to her objection to the religious broadcasts by astronauts, Mrs. O'Hair sought to restrain NASA from "the preparation, planning, promotion and conducting of religious activities and exercises" in excess of the limitations of the First Amendment.

She also coupled her complaint against the astronauts with the practice of justices and judges in using "so help me God" in their oaths of office. She claimed that such oaths exclude "those not professing a belief in deity from service on such courts."

The refusal of the U. S. Supreme Court to hear Mrs. O'Hair's case has the effect of letting the decision of the district court stand. Hence, her complaints against religion in the space program are at present considered to be not valid, observers here said.

Major Roles For Asians, Africans At Baptist World Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — African and Asians are expected to play a large part in the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo July 12-18, according to the program chairman.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis reported on plans for the congress to the administrative subcommittee of the Baptist World Alliance.

Crusade Group And Pan-Am Men Meet

LESSBURG, Fla. (BP)—The Pan American Union of Baptist Men, an organization represented by 60 Baptist laymen from North, Central and South America, met at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly here and mapped plans for a second effort in the Crusade of the Americas, and for a second Pan American Laymen's Congress in 1972.

The 60 Baptist laymen representing more than 30 countries met in conjunction with the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of the Americas, including several joint sessions with the crusade coordinating committee.

Owen Cooper, president of the organization and head of the Mississippi Chemical Corp., in Yazoo City, Miss., presented to the group plans for a special effort among Baptist men in the Western Hemisphere during 1970 in conjunction with conserving the results of the Crusade of the Americas. Calling his program the "second harvest," Cooper explained that the plan is to utilize laymen and pastors in conducting evangelistic campaigns in 66 medium-size cities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

A total of about 36 training clinics and retreats would be conducted for laymen in preparation for the campaigns for laymen in the 66 cities. The campaigns would include both local church revivals, and a city-wide crusade in the fall.

Cooper said that funds were being provided from an anonymous source through the Baptist World Alliance to underwrite costs of the training

clinics and the 66 city-wide crusades. Already, a total of 1,300 churches in Latin America and the Caribbean have indicated plans to participate in the "second harvest" phase of the Crusade of the Americas, Cooper said.

"The Crusade of the Americas has brought the first harvest," Cooper said. "Now it is time to enter the second harvest." He pointed out that the name of the program, "second harvest," comes from the Book of Ruth which tells of the ancient custom of "harvesting and gleanings."

Cooper said that during the next year, the Pan American Union of Baptist Men, working through the national conventions of Baptists in each country, hopes to provide resources and assist in training more than 500 Baptist laymen to equip them to organize and lead a Baptist mission.

In his presidential report to the Pan American Union of Baptist Men, Cooper said that Southern Baptist Missionary Roy Lyon will become a general secretary of the organization devoting one-third of his time to promoting lay activities in Latin America. Lyon is a missionary in Venezuela, and is president of the newly formed Venezuela Baptist Seminary.

Plans were mapped for a second Pan American Laymen's Congress scheduled in 1972 at a place yet to be decided, probably in Cali, Colombia, Cooper said. The Pan American Union of Baptist Men was organized during the first such hemisphere-wide

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Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

Denver Convention Center Arena

May 31-June 1

THEME: "Minister, Christ-Man for the 70's"

SUNDAY EVENING, May 31, 7:00 o'clock

"A Celebration of Worship and Witness"

"Minister in the 70's . . . for Christ's Sake"—A Visual-Choral Presentation

"Christ's Witness"—Bill Glass, evangelist and former All-Pro defensive end, The Cleveland Browns

"Christ's Church"—William Lawson, pastor, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

"A Meditation for Missions"—Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Waco, Texas

"A Meditation for Churches"—Glenn Braswell, executive secretary, Colorado Baptist General Convention, Denver, Colorado

"Christ's Presence"—James Robison, evangelist, Hurst, Texas

"In Honor of Christ, The King"—W. A. Criswell, president, Southern Baptist Convention, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

MONDAY MORNING, June 1, 9:00 o'clock

THEME: "The Minister: Christ's Man for the 70's"

The Minister as a Man

"An Appraisal: A Man of All Seasons"—John Claypool, pastor, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky

"An Appeal: A Man's Finest Hour"—James Middleton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana

The Minister as a Man of Christ

"Our Invitation from Christ"—Richard Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona

"Our Fellowship with Christ"—Larry Rohrman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi

"The Indispensable Lord"—Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

A Minister as a Man of Christ to Lead Others

"The World: A Tangled Web and a Scarlet Thread"—John Newport, professor, philosophy of religion, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

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Missionaries In Trinidad Declared Safe

RICHMOND (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries in Trinidad have been advised to follow plans of the United States Embassy which evacuation become necessary while the government attempts to put down a military mutiny apparently inspired by the island's black power elements.

"The SBC Foreign Mission Board received a cable from the chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago Mission confirming the safety of the four missionary families living in Trinidad," said Charles W. Bryan, area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean at board headquarters in Richmond.

The United States dispatched a six-ship naval squadron April 22 to Trinidad waters to be ready to evacuate U. S. citizens if their safety appeared to be endangered.

Bryan said each family would make its own decision about evacuation and the choice would be made on the spot as the local situation demanded. One option open to the missionaries is a move to a nearby island until the emergency is over.

Southern Baptist missionaries presently in Trinidad are Mr. and Mrs. David L. Martin, mission chairman of Silver Spring, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sanderson of Murray, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Reginald A. Hill of Barnwell County, S. C.; and Mr. and Mrs. Shelby A. Smith of Bessemer, Ala.

The four families have a total of 12 children with them in Trinidad.

The Martins and the Sandersons are stationed in Port of Spain, the capital where rioters clashed with military factions.

The Hills and the Smiths are stationed in San Fernando, in Northern Trinidad.

Southern Baptist work in Trinidad began in 1962, when the two islands of Trinidad and Tobago became an independent nation and a member of the British commonwealth. Because of the year-round warm weather, Baptist work there emphasizes camps and retreats.

T. U. State Finals Set Apr. 30-May 6

The annual series of State Finals in the Baptist Training Union Drills will be held April 30-May 6, according to Kermit S. King, Jackson, director of the Training Union Department, which sponsors these activities.

Participating this year will be those in two age groups, Juniors and Intermediates, Mr. King said.

Those eligible to participate will be those who are declared winners in the associational drills just completed.

The schedule of meetings follows: April 30, First Baptist Church, New Albany; May 1, First, Starkville; May 2, Van Winkle, Jackson; May 4, First, Cleveland; May 5, Highland, Laurel; May 6, First, Biloxi.

The starting time for all meetings will be 4:30 p. m.

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Christian Child Care And Emotional Needs

By Paul Nunnery
Supt., Baptist Children's Village

Accelerated economic values, a constant shifting of population centers, a de-emphasis upon moral standards, unstable school and work habits and apathy toward the privileges and demands of Christian living:

These conditions and attitudes and other sinful and selfish manifestations which accompany them, represent,

in the judgment of child care workers at The Baptist Children's Village, many of the reasons why the pressures of complicated social patterns tear so many private homes in Mississippi asunder each year, casting children from those homes upon society or the church for care and training as representatives of a group which has been designated by one authority as "orphans of the living."

Staff members at Mississippi's Baptist child care agency in Jackson constantly call attention to these and similar conditions as the real reasons why the church's mission field with children and to the home is so significant at this particular point in our state's history.

Village administration and staff have stated that the emotional, social, moral and spiritual "poverty" which contributes so heavily to the break-up and break-down of the

private, natural home in Mississippi indicates that only the mission and the message of Christianity, delivered and demonstrated in a simple and effective practical presentation, can hope to meet the challenge of this, one of the more basic and critical problems of our society.

The very briefest confrontation with a staff member at The Village is sufficient to manifest the abiding conviction of the agency that its ministry and program must extend beyond the provision of adequate food, clothing and shelter for the physical bodies of homeless children, if the agency is to help these children in a permanent sense, and if the agency is to justify its existence as a representative of the Baptists of Mississippi and a spokesman for Christ.

The Social Service Department at the Village, staffed by Christian social workers who have been carefully selected because of their training and experience, but primarily because of a God-given talent in communicating with children in need and their families, directs the thrust of a child care program which is designed to meet the social, emotional, moral and spiritual needs of children in a manner calculated to restore the strength and safety of Christianity to home and the family.

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Gerl Sullivan To India David Gooch To Hong Kong Beryl Prince To Hong Kong Vivian Fuqua To Dominican Rep. Ronald Shearer To Nigeria

Five Mississippians Among 72 FMB Journeyman Appointees

RICHMOND, Va. — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its April meeting approved 72 young adults for journeyman training. The

eight-week summer course prepares Baptists who are college graduates under 27 years of age for two years of work overseas with career missionaries.

This year's contingent of journeyman will be the sixth since the training

program was begun in 1965. They will train at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

Last year 62 journeyman completed training and served in 13 vocations in 29 countries. They were assigned to jobs such as teaching, nursing, publishing, secretarial assistance and medical technology.

The five from Mississippi or Mississippi colleges are listed below:

Vivian Fuqua is employed for secretarial work with missionary field representative, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. From Pontotoc, currently senior at Mississippi College.

David Gooch is employed for public relations work at Hong Kong Baptist College. From Columbus, currently senior at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.

Beryl Prince is employed as secretary (Continued on page 3)

Child Care and Emotional Needs

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The administration at the Village has pointed out that of a necessity, its Social Service Department must be staffed and advised by Christians of unquestioned consecration who have had the benefit of special training and experience in developing the gift of helping others, and that consequently, the work of this department is the most costly aspect of the Village program, since it is the most essential.

Each Admission Investigated

The Social Service Department investigates and services each admission to and dismissal from child care rolls at the Village. The caseworkers in the Department spend the major portion of each working day counseling and advising with children, Village staff members who are "house-parents" and the natural families of Village boys and girls.

The department also investigates, initiates, supervises and maintains the expansive system of free "foster homes" in which so many children who are wards of the Village are further protected by enjoying the privileges of stable living in a private, Christian home while under Village care.

One of the most rapidly growing services at the Village is in the area of prevention, wherein Village staff members from the social Service Department assist private homes and their children through Christian counseling, professional evaluation and treatment and referral services, thereby preventing the break-up of Mississippi private homes hundreds of times each year.

It has been emphasized that through the work of its Social Service Department, as in its total program, the Children's Village is constantly undertaking to reduce to the maximum extent consistent with safety and good judgment the amount of time each child is compelled to live in the unnatural circumstances of group living on the large Village Campus in Jackson.

Recognizing the private home as the Christian ideal, the Village uses its campus not only to house, clothe and feed the boys and girls who may be found there daily, but more importantly, as a base for a Christian effort to keep private homes together and to put broken private homes back

together in every area of the state.

In commenting upon the Christian Home Week emphasis placed upon the Village and child care during the week of May 3 - May 10 and the Mother's Day offering for the Village which is planned for Mother's Day, Superintendent Paul N. Nunnery declared, "Nine years in this work has convinced me beyond any question of the sincerity and warmth of affection entertained by most Baptists of this state for their child care agency. I wish it were possible and appropriate for an influential representative of every Baptist church to sit with one

of our case workers for one day each year.

"I know that such an experience would awaken every Baptist church in this state anew to the critical needs of children, their homes and families, and to the unmatched ability and unequalled opportunity of a child care program which is both progressive and Christian to meet those needs. Only through a strengthened and increased pattern of giving to mission of child care, can we obtain and retain the trained Christians we need to improve and expand this vital effort."

EDITOR PREACHES AT BELLEVUE CHURCH, MEMPHIS; BAPTIZES GRANDDAUGHTER

Our Editor's modesty doubtless will keep him from saying anything about it, but Dr. Odle enjoyed the rare privilege and great joy last Sunday, while supplying the pulpit at Bellevue Church, Memphis, of baptizing his little granddaughter, Melanie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Maddox.

Dr. Pollard, the pastor, had arranged with Dr. Odle some weeks ago to baptize Melanie Sunday night, but on Friday Dr. Pollard's cousin in Texas passed away and the family requested the Bellevue pastor to conduct the funeral services on Sunday.

Subsequently, Dr. Odle was pressed into service at the last minute to supply at both services and thus not only the joy of preaching in a great church but this was made personally tender by the privilege of being able to baptize another member of his own family.—W. Douglas Hudgins.



FMB's Truman Smith, Gwen Powell To Wed

Truman S. Smith, associate secretary for missionary personnel for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Miss Gwen Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Powell Sr. of Tunica, Miss., will be married June 27 at Tunica Baptist Church.

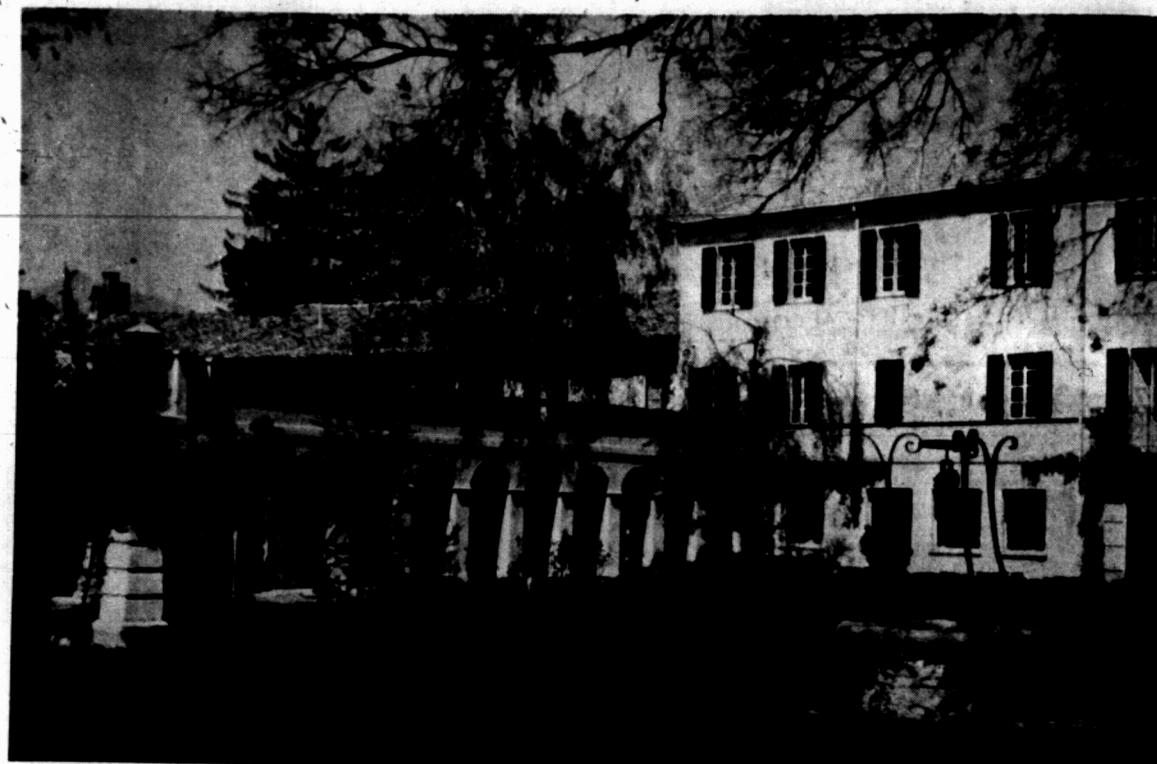
Miss Powell, appointed a missionary by the board last November to teach nursing at the Baptist hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, resigned in March after she and Smith became engaged. She was then in missionary orienta-

tion at Callaway Gardens in Georgia.

Miss Powell grew up in Tunica. She was graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Nursing in Jackson with the bachelor of science degree and from the University of Alabama School of Nursing in Birmingham with the master of science degree in nursing education and pediatrics. She also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

She has worked as staff nurse or nursing instructor at University Hospital and Mississippi Baptist Hospital, both in Jackson; Louisiana State University's nursing department, New Orleans; Tunica County Hospital in Mississippi; Children's Hospital in Louisville and the nursing department of Kentucky State College, Frankfort.

Smith joined the Foreign Mission Board staff in 1964. He was previously a member of the staff of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., where he was in-



Baptist Institute In Rivoli, Italy

A BAPTIST LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, which almost doubled its enrollment during the past year, and a Baptist theological seminary are located in this building at Rivoli. The Baptist buildings on the outskirts of the high rise city of Turin surround a large inner court-

yard planted with trees and flowers. Rivoli is still a relatively small community in northern Italy with open fields and parks in contrast to Turin's densely populated area.—BP Photo by Fon Scofield

Southern Baptist Pastors - - -

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"The Word: Pastor, Prophet, Priest?"—Wallace R. Rogers, professor, Baptist College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
"The Witness: Following Christ Into the World"—Thomas Field, pastor, First Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri

MONDAY AFTERNOON, June 1, 1:45 o'clock
THEME: "Minister, Christ-Man for the 70's"

Ah Effector of Change
"A Man for all Seasons"—James Pletiz, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida
"A Changing Times: Chaos or Challenge?"—James L. Sullivan, executive secretary, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee
An Equipper of Saints
"Who Shall We Be?—The Struggle for Integrity"—John Nichol, pastor, Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
"Where Shall We Go?—The Church in the City"—Larry Walker, minister at large, Madison Baptist Church, Madison, New Jersey
"What Shall We Do?—The Struggle for Identity"—William Lawson, Houston, Texas
"Where Shall We Go?—The Church in the Streets"—Freddie Gage, evangelist, Houston, Texas
A Channel of Healing and Hope
"Healing—A Balm in Gilead"—Gerald Martin, pastor, Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee
"Hope—Evidence of the Unseen"—Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

1970 World Missions Conference July 23-29 At Glorieta Assembly

Bible study, mission discussions and creative involvement will highlight the 1970 World Missions Conference July 23-29 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico.

The seven-day event, billed as a "family affair" by conference officials, will include conferences for adults, young adults, high and junior school youth and elementary school youth. A nursery will be provided for pre-school children.

More than 2,000 persons have already registered, Norman Godfrey, conference coordinator, reported. Attendance could reach 3,000, he said.

Fifteen home and foreign missionary couples as well as personnel from both the home and foreign mission boards are scheduled to participate in age-level conferences and general meetings from 8:30 a.m. until noon

daily. Afternoons are free with general meetings at night.

Adults attending the conference will meet in three different groups during the mornings. One hour will be devoted to small group discussions led by specialists in mission action skills. During the second hour the adults will talk with different missionaries about mission experiences and needs. All adults will meet for a general session during the third hour each day.

Bible study, a panel forum and group discussions are planned for the young adult conference. Bible study leaders and panel members will use the theme, "My Mission—Here and Now," emphasizing mission opportunities in the family, church, nation, world, and among friends. Group discussions will follow the panel forum each day.

"Man Alive" is the theme for high school youth at the conference. The youths will participate in creative Bible study and choose different "personal involvement" sessions, including writing, broadcasting, music, arts, drama and mission action.

Junior high participants will also choose involvement sessions similar to the high school sessions. They will be led in mission Bible study and have small group discussions with missionaries.

Children 9-11 will mix mission study with nature study and crafts during the conference. They will be divided into Indian tribes with each tribe studying Southwest Indian lore.

Construction of a life-size Indian village will keep children 6-8 busy during the week. They will study the life of the New Mexico Indians in a day-camp setting and will visit ruins of an ancient Indian village near Pecos, New Mexico.

The conference is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and the Woman's Missionary Union in cooperation with the home and foreign mission boards. Registration fee is \$3 per person for adults and \$1 for children under nine.

Information on housing and meals at the conference is available from Glorieta Baptist Assembly, P. O. Box 8, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535.

DAMASCUS HOMECOMING

Damascus Church, Copiah County, Hazlehurst, will have its annual homecoming, Sunday, May 3. There will be regular morning services with dinner on the ground. Leonard G. Irwin, Secretary, Department of Survey and Special Studies, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will be the guest speaker. There will be a "Singspiration" in the afternoon beginning at 1:30. All friends and former members are invited to attend, according to Rev. Bruce E. Parrish, pastor.

U. S. Supreme Court - - -

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and the threat of an "intolerable financial burden on the state" if the nonpublic schools were to close, provide a subsidy to religious institutions to achieve a secular purpose, thus creating a forbidden interdependence between church and state?

The action of the Supreme Court to review this case promises to become a landmark decision in the field of education. The federal government provides many similar services for nonpublic schools and many of the states either have similar laws or are considering such laws to support private schools.

The rise of private schools as an effort to avoid the implementation of the Supreme Court's decisions on racial integration will likely be affected by this new decision.

Although the Supreme Court in the past has ruled on certain aids to children in nonpublic schools, this is the first case dealing with direct subsidies to the schools themselves.

The schedule for the hearing of the Pennsylvania case has not yet been announced by the Supreme Court.

The Boyle Bus Keeps Rolling

By H. S. Rogers, pastor

First Church, Boyle
"Preacher; bring that bus to my station. I'll fill it up for the kids." "I'll give \$5.00 for the kids to go to church!" "My Sunday School class voted to buy a tank each month. Send us the bill!" "I can fill it up once each week. Bring 'er over!" "I never go to church but come on out and fill 'er up at my place!"

And so Christians and others spoke in answer to an article in the Baptist Record last week. The church bus had been providing pick up and delivery service for the children to attend church functions. Because of a financial shortage the service had to be discontinued. The children were sad but determined. They pulled little wagons along the roads to pick up Coca Cola bottles for the refunds. They prayed!

Because of the generosity of Christians and others the little bus is back in operation. Nobody at Boyle doubts that it will continue to roll. "Open thy mouth side and I will fill it!" (Ps. 81:10).

The "kids" at Boyle's First Baptist Church want to say "Thank you!" to those who have expressed their love. When the bus went back to work Wednesday evening it added 32 additional passengers to the schedule!



Note Burned At ECJC Student Center

L. E. CLIBURN, Neshoba County, (left) chairman of Student Center committee and treasurer of trustees and Rev. Cecil Humphrey, Morton, (center) chairman of trustees, hold the note as W. H. Johnson, Decatur, trustee and legal consultant, sets fire to it in the debt free dedication service held in the Center on Sunday afternoon, April 26th. BSU area committee members, present and former students, the local director, Miss Gladys Bryant, and State Director Ralph B. Winders, participated. Frank Rives, member of the faculty and registrar of East Central Junior College and chairman of the BSU Area Committee, presided. Rev. Holmes Carlisle, superintendent of missions, Scott County, brought the dedicatory message.

Crusade Group and Pam-Am Men Meet

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meeting of Baptist laymen in Rio de Janeiro in July of 1968.

In addition to the joint sessions with the Crusade of the Americas Coordinating Committee, the Pan American Union of Baptist men also sponsored a joint Saturday night rally for local and area residents.

Crusade Committee Meets

The Crusade of the Americas Central Coordinating Committee, meeting here at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly for its final session, evaluated results of the hemispheric four-year evangelist effort and urged the 50 participating conventions to appoint representatives to conserve and continue the fellowship and spirit created by the crusade.

In his final report to the Central Coordinating Committee, Crusade of the Americas President Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, called the crusade "the greatest evangelistic campaign in the last 100 years."

Crusade of Americas General Coordinator Henry Earl Peacock of Sao Paulo said that incomplete reports from 25 to the 50 participating national Baptist conventions in the 30 countries in North, Central, South America and the Caribbean indicated a total of 494,018 decisions for Christ during 1969, the climactic year of the crusade.

The 46 members of the coordinating committee present for the meet-

ing adopted a lengthy nine-point "Declaration of Results" of the crusade.

"All the results of the crusade cannot be measured in statistics," said the declaration. "There is, for example, no way to measure the new sense of responsibility that Christians feel in regard to the giving of the Christian testimony and the proclamation of the gospel."

"One of the most remarkable facets of the crusade was the unity established among Baptists of the different countries of the Americas, without distinction of race, color or culture—a unity, in the proclamation of the gospel that presents all men as equal in the sight of God," the declaration continued.

"Another extraordinary blessing of the crusade was the rediscovery of the importance of laymen in the proclamation of the gospel," said the declaration.

Other results cited by the declaration, prepared by a three-member subcommittee, included such things as "the conversion of thousands of souls," the "awakening of thousands of Christians to the Lord's work," and the projection of a new image of Baptists in many countries.

Some churches, said the declaration, have doubled the number of their members during the two years of the crusade. "Between 1965 and

1969 the number of Baptists in Latin America grew by more than 40 per cent. The growth rate was greater than the general population growth rate."

The committee expressed hopes "that the spirit that reigned during the crusade will continue to prevail in the Baptist churches of the Americas. . . and that 'the permanence of that spirit will produce a blessed world explosion of evangelistic zeal . . . in order to shake the whole world with the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Only Hope.'"

In addition to the nine-point declaration, the Central Coordinating Committee adopted four different recommendations aimed at seeking to conserve the fellowship and spirit of the crusade in the future.

One recommendation urged the Baptist World Alliance to sponsor "a great world-wide effort of evangelism and reconciliation in which all Baptist groups of the world may participate;" and authorized the president and general coordinator of the crusade to attend the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo to present their concern for a world-wide crusade.

Three other related recommendations urged each of the 50 conventions and national bodies participating in the crusade to appoint a representative to "make up an informal continuing cooperative committee to

maintain interest and retain relationships" realized through the crusade.

Each of the six regional areas involved in the crusade were urged to "continue the fellowship of the cooperating conventions" and to promote "the causes of evangelism in each convention as well as cooperative efforts in the region."

The final recommendation asked that the committee created by the participating conventions to continue the fellowship of the crusade "be recognized as the proper group" to implement organization of one or more Latin American Baptist fellowships to be related to the Baptist World Alliance. Though no mention was made these "fellowships" would perhaps follow the pattern of the North American Baptist Fellowship or the European Baptist Federation, both existing fellowships within the Baptist World Alliance.

The new committee, whenever appointed by the cooperating conventions, would be called together for its first meeting by the representative from Brazil, the recommendation said.

Prior to the meeting of the crusade Central Coordinating Committee, Baptists from the Caribbean area met to discuss the possibility of organizing a Caribbean Baptist Fellowship group.

The Bible And A Can Of Beer

By L. Laverne Gregory, Missionary
San Jose, Costa Rica

The values of a Bible and a can of beer were contrasted plainly for me during the annual "Feria de las Flores" (Fair of the Flowers) in San Jose, Costa Rica, in March.

The three-day fair is an annual event to raise funds for the national children's hospital in San Jose. Different organizations set up booths to sell items; they give part of the proceeds to the hospital.

The local Baptist Book Stores sold more than 500 Bibles, New Testaments and books at their booth.

The booth of the United States Embassy had imported products from the States, and one product was a best seller — a well-known American beer in cans. It seemed that every other person — young and old, male and female — who passed the Baptist booth had a can of this beer in hand.

I often thought of the lasting values of these two items as I watched this scene for three days.

Many young people asked us to explain the contents of the Bible and the reason for its existence. Passers-by were amazed to find the New Testament available so inexpensively.

A father came by and saw the book Para Ti, Joven (For You, Young Person). He purchased the book for his 14-year-old son at his side and said, "Son, please read and study this book."

We pray that the Bibles and books sold and the hundreds of tracts given

free will bear fruit in dozens of lives, to reaffirm the contrast in the lasting values of the Word of God and the temporary joy in a can of beer.

Five Mississippians —

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tary for mission office, Hong Kong. From Baton Rouge, currently senior at Louisiana College, Pineville.

Ronald Shearer is employed to teach biology at aptist High School. Jos Nigeria. From Coldwater, currently senior at University of Mississippi, Oxford.

Geri Sullivan is employed as elementary school teacher at U. S. Dependent's School, Bangalore, India. From Jackson, currently senior at Mississippi College, Clinton.

T. U. State Finals —

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On May 9 a State Selection Tournament for the Intermediate Sword Drill will be held at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson at 2 p. m.

The two first place winners there will represent the state at the convention-wide events to be held this summer at the Southern Baptist assemblies at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M.

Directing the meetings will be Norman Rodgers, department associate.

"Free" Ordination Certificates; \$20 Doctor's Degrees

Writer's Son, Age 7 Months, Is "Ordained" To Ministry

By Larry R. Jerden

DALLAS (BP)—Lawrence Shelby Jerden, son of a Baptist Standard staff writer, is too young to read or write, vote or fight.

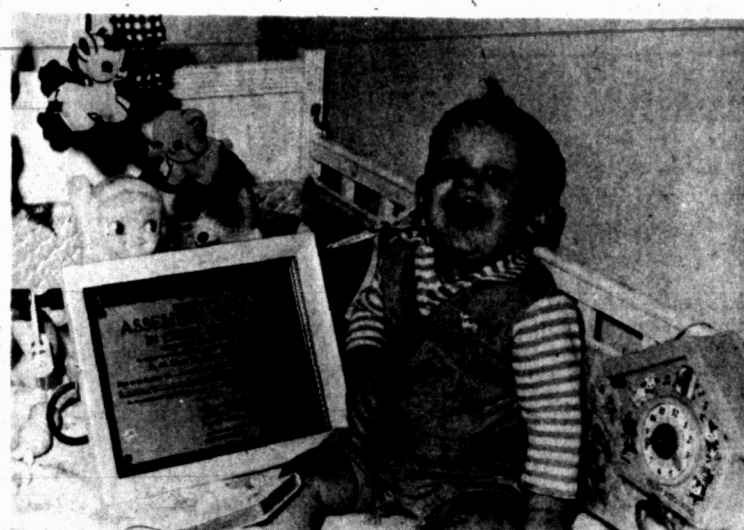
But at age seven months, he was "recommended to the saints as an ordained or licensed minister in good standing."

So reads his "Ministerial Credential" issued by the Assembly of God in Christ Jesus, Inc., which says it is legally a church.

Because it is a church, it says its ministers are entitled to numerous legal and private privileges, some of which include tax breaks, deferential treatment in hospitals and jails, and discounts on items ranging from clothes to airline tickets.

Shelby was ordained without any questions asked, when his father responded in his name to an advertisement in a Dallas newspaper. The ad simply said anyone interested in receiving ministerial credentials and doctor of divinity degree certificates should write to: "Assembly, P. O. Box 1576, Irving, Tex."

The Ministerial License received through the mail reads, in part, "This is to certify that Lawrence Shelby Jerden of Dallas, Tex., has been ordained to the ministry of the gospel



Youngest Ordained Minister?

"Rev." Shelby Jerden, age 8 months, may be the youngest "ordained" minister in the nation. Young Jerden, son of Baptist Standard staff writer Larry Jerden, was ordained "with no questions asked" by the Assembly of God in Christ Jesus, which says it is legally a church, when his reporter-father answered an advertisement in a Dallas newspaper.—BP PHOTO.

of Jesus Christ, and is commissioned to perform all the duties of an ordained minister."

Also received was a wallet-size ministerial identification card which says that the church commissions the bearer "to perform all the functions of the Christian ministry in accordance with state, provincial and international laws."

A letter accompanying the ordination certificate and card says that the "enclosed full credentials" are "for carrying out the duties of the ministry as you feel ordained of God to do."

"There is no charge for this service," the letter continues. "These credentials are issued through our church charter and you have the privilege of carrying out your own belief."

"This work is carried on by free will offerings to help defray printing, postage and newspaper advertising," adds the letter.

Another enclosure solicits \$20 for the doctor of divinity certificate.

The national headquarters of the assembly is located in a back room of a storage area built onto the three-car carport of its national chairman.

The carport shields two Cadillacs and a Pontiac from the sun and dust of a rundown section of Irving, a Dallas suburb.

W. D. Albin, chairman of the church, is a piano dealer and former Fort Worth preacher. He appears to be about 70 and says he runs the assembly as a public service — the

service of giving away ministerial credentials through the mail and selling doctor of divinity degrees.

The degrees are sent complete with 10 lessons on how to set up and organize a church.

To anyone contending his church is not a full-fledged member of the religious establishment, Albin assures that it was "chartered under the laws of Texas" in 1939.

"It is a very serious thing," he says. "When that seal goes onto the ministerial credential, you are able to perform all the functions of the ministry. It's for real."

The national secretary, Shirley A. Holly, mentions some of the ministerial functions empowered by the credential and ordination certificate.

"With them you can get into hospitals and jails to visit and you can get discounts on some airlines," she said.

A check with numerous airlines operating in Dallas, however, revealed only one that offers ministerial discounts (half-fare on a space-available basis).

One woman present in the assembly's office was taking her 10-lesson doctoral course and mainly was asking about the tax benefits of running a non-profit "church."

"If I run a church and give gifts to my relatives, can I count them as tax deductions?" she asked.

She was instructed how to keep records of "offerings" and told to send

a copy of the records to the church's national headquarters "so you'll have proof if Uncle Sam checks."

The "church's" theology could be summed up in the phrase, "to thine own self be true."

The national headquarters holds that each individual can believe what he wishes, but is accountable to his own conscience.

The secretary said a woman told her she would go to hell because she wore a blouse exposing her midriff. She responded that she would not, because she did not feel it was wrong.

"If my conscience said it was wrong and I wore it, I would go to hell for that," she said. "But if a person does what he thinks is right, he will go to heaven anyway."

No scripture or authority was quoted for these beliefs, but the office was decorated with a knitted cross on the wall and a large Bible on a desk.

Albin claims his church has ordained ministers from coast to coast in the United States and Canada. His secretary gave no number, but said there were "thousands."

There is no record to prove it, but Rev. L. Shelby Jerden, now age 8 months, may be the youngest such ordained minister in the nation.

Shelby may be too young (and too moral) to use the ministerial tax advantages and privileges of his "office," but he is seeking to bridge the ultimate generation gap as a "Minister to the Nursery Generation."

Kemper-Neshoba Associations Call New Missionary

Rev. J. Kermit Sharp has accepted the position, beginning May 1, as superintendent of missions for Kemper-Neshoba Associations.



Mr. Sharp has served since 1967 in full-time pastoral his mission work, most recently at Marion, Miss. A home and office are being built as one unit, for his missionary work, on Center Avenue, Philadelphia.

He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

Natchez Crusade: 250 Decisions



During the Natchez 1970 Youth Crusade, held in the City Auditorium at Natchez April 12-19, there were 250 decisions registered, the majority of them professions of faith. At least one thousand were present for the first service, and the auditorium was filled with a capacity crowd of 1500, April 19.

Gary Google was the evangelist, and Van Johnson was in charge of the music.

Gary Google, senior at Mississippi College, is from Pompano Beach, Florida. A former nightclub entertainer, he has been a Christian for almost three years. After graduation from college, he plans to enter Southwestern Seminary. This summer he plans to be preaching in revivals and crusades. The Natchez Crusade was the 36th crusade which he has led. Others have included revivals in Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Van Johnson is a Mississippi College senior from Atlanta, Ga. He is a staff worker with Campus Life in Jackson, and is active in working with youth.

The area-wide crusade, which had been in the planning stages since last October, was sponsored by the Jaycees, and was financed by local business men. B. G. (Spike) Newman was chairman of the crusade.

Churches of all denominations were invited to participate. Cities cooperating in the effort were Natchez, Vidalia, La., Ferriday, La., St. Joseph La., Sicily Island, La.; Jonesville, La., Monterrey, La., Clayton, La., Woodville, Roxie, Meadville, Bude, Fayette, Port Gibson, Centerville, and Gloster. The services were broadcast over the radio, WNAT-AM and WQNZ-FM.

Those who made decisions were from eight different denominational groups: Catholics, Lutherans, Church of Christ; Church of God, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Methodist, and Baptist. Over forty counselors volunteered to help.

Fellowships were held following the Friday and Saturday night services; Gary Google led "Talk-in" discussion groups Sunday afternoon and night.

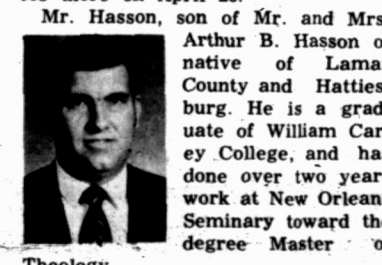
Martha Frances Houston of New Albany, piano major at MC who plans to study in Europe next year, was pianist for the crusade.

anist for the crusade. Billy Thaxton of Louisiana College was organist.

Special guests on the program during the week included Billy Shaw, pro football player with the Buffalo Bills; the French Camp Singers, from French Camp; Parchman inmates; George Fields, YMCA, Jackson, MC graduate; The Louisianans; "Tell It Like It Is," presented by the Youth Choir and Jimmie Goolsby of Calvary Church, Jackson; Sharon Applegate, Miss Hospitality; Cathy Boyette, former Miss Jackson, now Miss Mississippi College; Laura Boyette, Mississippi's Junior Miss; and the Campus Life Trio.

Emmanuel, Jackson Calls New Pastor

Rev. Joe L. Hasson recently accepted the pastorate of Emmanuel Church, Jackson, and began his duties there on April 26.



Mr. Hasson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Hasson of native of Lamar County and Hattiesburg. He is a graduate of William Carey College, and has done over two years work at New Orleans Seminary toward the degree Master of Theology.

He goes to Emmanuel from the pastorate of First Church, Waveland where he has served since August, 1967. Former work includes the pastorate of the Union Seminary Church, Jasper Association; Glendale, First Hattiesburg where he served as assistant pastor; and youth director of Greenville Church, Lamar Association. He was licensed to preach by his home church, Oloh, Lamar County.

His wife, the former Mary Janice Riley, is the daughter of Mrs. J. A. Riley, Sr. and the late Mr. Riley of Hattiesburg. Mrs. Hasson is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. They have three children—Carol, 8; Joey, 5; and Jonathan 18 months. They have moved into the Emmanuel parsonage at 4231 Hoover Street, Jackson 39209.

Conference Of Evangelists To Meet At Denver

The fifteenth annual National Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists will meet June 3, 12:30 PM to 5:00 P.M. at the Calvary Temple Church in Denver, Colorado. "Everyone interested in great gospel singing and preaching are urged to attend" states Charles Massee, President of the Conference. There will be an instrumental concert from 12:30 to 1:00 and a sacred concert of gospel music from 1:00 to 2:00 featuring full-time evangelistic singers. Between 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. there will be inspirational preaching by Jack Taylor, Don Berry, John Tierney, Richard Hogue and Eddie Martin. Between each message special music will be brought by Steve Taylor, Jamall Badry, Martha Branum, Darcie Hodges and Bette Stalenecker.

The officers for the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists for this year are: Charles Massee, President; Jerry Reimer, Vice - President; Don Womack, Secretary; Joe Shaver, Treasurer; Jimmy Hodges, Music Director; Darcie Hodges, Asst. Music Director; Jack Taylor, Pastor-Advisor. These men along with over 200 registered Southern Baptist Evangelists welcome you to their fifteenth annual conference.



Carey Places Historical Marker

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE has received recognition recently by the placing of a historical monument concerning the school on Highway 40, south of Hattiesburg. The marker is near the back entrance to the campus and indicates to travelers the facts concerning the founding and naming of the college. Shown in the photo with the new historical marker are two Carey history students: Martha Gillon of Gore Springs and Ronnie Melton from Mobile.



MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST MAY WE SUGGEST?

DURING CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK
(MAY 3 - 10)

1. Pray for the safety and sanctity of Christian homes.
2. Pray for our staff who must build homes for the homeless. Our children who must find homes with us amid disappointment and despair.
3. Join your child care staff in a reaffirmation of the Christian principles which make homes safe.

ON MOTHER'S DAY (MAY 10)

1. Thank God for Christian Mothers who are Christian-Home-Makers.
2. Honor Christian Mothers by joining your fellow churches in a worthy cash offering to our boys and girls.

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"When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." (Psams 27:10)

THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

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Evangelism

Evangelism has been one of the keys to the effectiveness and growth of Southern Baptist work. This also has been true of Mississippi Baptists. One has only carefully to study the history of Baptists in this state to see that evangelism has been at the very heart of much of the advance that has been made. Mississippi Baptists have believed that people need to be evangelized, and have built churches, developed programs and established institutions to aid in doing just that.

For many years the state convention board has had a department of evangelism to help coordinate and promote evangelism. Several splendid men have led this department, and the record which has been made has been to the glory of God.

Now a new leader comes to take the helm of the evangelism department. He is Rev. Roy Colburn, for the past several years pastor of First Church, Philadelphia. He succeeds Dr. Gordon Sansing who resigned last fall to accept the pastorate of First Church, Grenada.

Colburn comes to the new position well equipped for his task. He has had many years of pastoral experience, with a splendid record of evangelism wherever he has served. He has wide experience in holding evangelistic meetings. He is a serious Bible student, and is thoroughly

grounded in the doctrines of our faith. He has a warm heart, a concern for souls, and a love for people.

We predict that under his leadership Mississippi Baptists will move forward into one of the most effective periods of evangelistic witness in their history. The churches are ready and are hungering for a mighty spiritual revival. People everywhere are becoming burdened for spiritual power and victory, and are praying for God to move in our midst. There is a sense of unity at the Baptist Building, as every department seems ready to join a mighty forward thrust in witness and Bible proclamation.

Revival is even now touching churches in many places. One church in Texas recently had more than 875 professions of faith in a revival. Another church had 100 persons coming to Christ in one Sunday's regular services. Some churches in Mississippi are seeing the deepest concern, and the mightiest personal soul winning efforts on the part of many members, that they probably ever have witnessed.

The time seems ripe for revival. We would challenge every Mississippi Baptist to join heart and hand in following our new leader in the greatest soul winning efforts the state ever has seen.

Christ And The Old Testament

Some people seem to have the idea that modern attacks on the trustworthiness and authority of the Scriptures are not important, and do not actually change the message concerning Christ, and our faith in him. How mistaken they are was called to my attention recently by a friend in another state. He told of an experience which reveals that the liberal attack upon the trustworthiness of the Old Testament is an attack upon Jesus Christ himself.

A young pastor, who had only recently graduated from a seminary, confided in this friend that he had come to believe that the Old Testament was full of error, and therefore was not trustworthy, but he was thankful that he still believed in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

This friend, an older man, had been closely related to the young man's father, so was very concerned about the youthful preachers future. He invited him to sit down and discuss fully this problem of unbelief of the Old Testament. The conversation went something like this.

"Let me ask you some questions," said the older man, who was a denominational executive. "Do you not realize that any attack upon the Old Testament is an attack upon Christ?"

"I had not considered it, that way," replied the young man.

"You do accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God, do you not?" continued the older preacher. "Do you believe that he actually was God come to earth in human flesh, born of a virgin, God incarnate?"

"I have no question concerning that at all," said the young preacher.

"Was Jesus familiar with the Old Testament, and did he refer to it, and quote it?" was the next question.

"Certainly, he referred to it often, and quoted it many times. He clearly was thoroughly familiar with it," was the reply.

"If the Old Testament was not

reliable, and if it was full of errors, would Jesus as the divine Son of God, have known that?" was the next query.

"Why, yes, if he was the Son of God, he would certainly have known that, if it were true," said the young man.

"Then if he was God come to earth, and was thoroughly familiar with the Old Testament, would he have used it as he did, and if it was what some modern scholars say it is, would he not have revealed those errors to his followers?" asked the experienced theologian.

"I hadn't thought of that," said the young preacher. "Of course, if the Old Testament was unreliable, then Jesus as the Son of God would have known it, and would have told his disciples so."

"So the attack on the Old Testament is not just on a book," continued the older preacher, "but is on Jesus Christ himself. If you reject the authority and reliability of the Old Testament, you are raising serious questions concerning Christ himself."

The two continued to discuss the issue, as the older preacher showed the young man how he had been led to the wrong conclusions, based upon questionable premises. After a long period of discussion, the young man went away with his faith in the Bible restored, and with a new purpose in his ministry.

Jesus used the Old Testament over and over. In Mark 7 he refers to the prophet Isaiah. Elsewhere he quotes from Moses as the author of the books of the law. In the last chapter of Luke he put a stamp of approval on the entire Old Testament (vs. 44). Jesus believed in the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot's wife, Jonah and the great fish, Naaman, and Elijah.

Some modern Bible students would rather believe Welhausen or other modern critics, than Christ, but we think most Southern Baptists will continue to accept what Christ says.

Guest Editorial

Should The Liberals Leave?

Jack Gritz in Baptist Messenger (Okla.)

Last September at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention W. A. Criswell, president of the convention and pastor of First Church, Dallas, Texas, suggested that it might be better for liberals, within the denomination, to join some other. The statement was made in the kindest spirit possible. Criswell said, "How far do you compromise what you believe in order to stay together?"

There are among us liberals, conservatives, fundamentalists, open communionists, closed communionists; persons who would emphasize evangelism. If we have men who do not believe in our articles of faith, why don't these people leave us and join de-

nomination where they would be happy?" The president was referring to statements of faith adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925 and again in 1963. Of course, these statements are not binding on any individual or church, but they do present in summary form the beliefs generally shared among Southern Baptists, who believing these things have built one of the greatest missionary and evangelistic agencies on the face of the earth.

Immediately after this statement an anguished cry went up from a small but vocal minority in the denomination. Previously some of them had criticized the strong statements of Criswell concerning the inspiration and

Gaps in the Foundation?



NEWEST BOOKS

CAMILLE AND THE GULF COAST edited by Dennis E. Holston (Dennis E. Holston, 2507 29th St., Gulfport, Miss., 39501, 28 large pages and cover, full color, \$4.00 postpaid).

A full color photo story of the destruction wrought by Camille, the worst storm in the U. S. history. Three pages of text complete the story. This book is unusual in that it shows "before and after" photographs in full color. One is startled to see a beautiful home, building, street as it appeared before the storm, and then to look at the same scene in ruins after the hurricane had passed. The awful destruction wrought by the raging winds and waters is clearly depicted. The 56 full color photographs are mostly from the Pass Christian area, with a few from Bay St. Louis and one or two from Long Beach. This will be a keepsake volume that will be treasured.

THE PROTEST OF A TROUBLED PROTESTANT by Harold O. J. Brown (Zondervan, 282 pp., paper, \$2.45).

This is one of the clearest, fairest treatments of liberal theology that we have ever read. The author deals with the radicals in the same way that they have been trying to do with the evangelicals. The reader finds himself wanting to underline almost every sentence. The author has an amazing knowledge of what modern theologians are saying and doing and answers their spurious claims in a scintillating refreshing manner. This is a MUST book for those who want to understand what modern theology is saying and doing and to understand

authority of the Bible and the Sunday School Board for publishing and advertising a book by the Dallas pastor in which he took an unequivocal stand for the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. They began to talk about the priesthood of the believer, the right of private interpretation of the Scriptures, the Free Church tradition and religious liberty — which were not the issues — and they formed an organization called the E. Y. Mullins Fellowship and held a meeting just before the annual SBC in New Orleans last June. One of their number was selected to run against Criswell as president. The vote was 450 for the challenger and 7,482 for Criswell.

A few days ago this man announced that he was leaving the denomination and according to an Associated Press news story giving up his position as director of religious activities for men and assistant professor of religion at a Baptist college in another state.

Maybe President Criswell's suggestion that those who do not share Southern Baptist beliefs leave the denomination for their own happiness and for the welfare of the whole was not a bad suggestion. In fact, it may have real merit. It is entirely possible that some of these people may never have thought much about the subject before and that in the process of doing so they will discover that they are not really Southern Baptists and never have been. There is no purge or persecution. It is just that Christian men and women in honor should act like Christians, and this includes honesty in all matters.

Unfortunately the word "liberal" is tossed about in both political and religious circles with a variety of meanings for those who happen to hear or see it. Among many definitions of the word Webster's Unabridged Dictionary (Third Edition) defines a religious liberal as "not

why it is neither the answer to modern man's needs, nor an acceptable

LAST WORDS OF SAINTS AND SINNERS by Herbert Lockyer (Kregel, 225 pp., \$4.95)

A unique long-time hobby of gathering the last words of saints and sinners provided Dr. Lockyer with materials for this study. The great, the near-great and the unknown are all quoted with statements "running from the sublime to the ridiculous. Some speak of the glory of seeing Christ while others joke, but the over-all impact is one of confirmation of the claims of Christianity and the awful horror of death outside Christ."

CHRIST AND THE CITY by Ralph L. Murray (Broadman Reader's Plan Selection, 126 pp., \$1.50).

A devotional and inspirational look at the problems of big cities. The author deals optimistically with the difficulties of living a Christian life amid the complex and varied pressures created by millions living in large cities.

DEAR GOD, WHERE ARE YOU? by Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. (Word Books, 138 pp., \$3.95).

"In their search for God, many persons attempt to locate Him under an umbrella of rules and religious forms. This book is a protest against such notions — rules cannot be considered a standard for measuring faith, and religiosity is not the same as devotion. In fact, Robert Goodrich states that it is even possible for 'religion' to separate a person from God."

bound by authoritarianism, orthodoxy, or traditional or established forms in action attitude or opinion." Sometime back I spoke to the ministerial alliance at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. Following the meeting three or four of the young men came up to me, announced that they were "liberals" and asked if I thought there was any place for them in the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. I asked them which of the beliefs of orthodox Christianity they depicted — the virgin birth, the blood atonement, the bodily resurrection of Christ, the visible return of the Savior, the inspiration of the Scriptures. They seemed shocked and said that they did not deny any of these fundamental beliefs. Then, I suggested that they study into the history of the Christian faith more carefully, particularly the great Twentieth Century controversy between orthodoxy and modernism, before they proudly announced that they are liberals. The classic work on the subject is *Christianity and Liberalism* by J. Graham Machen, not a Baptist but a Presbyterian.

Often in religious circles today the word "liberal" is used for a person who denies some fundamental of the Christian faith. I told these young men frankly that if they did not believe in the fundamental Christian doctrines and were truly "liberals" there was no proper place of service for them in the churches or the denominational offices of the Southern Baptist Convention. This word should be avoided or used carefully. It can mean "not narrow in mind" — which most Southern Baptists would claim to be — but those who are liberal in the sense of rejecting cardinal Christian doctrines have no place in a denomination of conservative Christians committed to standing by the faith and the Bible as "truth without any mixture of error."



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Still Hours

A body needs still hours:
Stilled from sweeping
Stilled from sewing
Stilled from playing.

A mind needs still hours:
Stilled from planning
Stilled from pressuring
Stilled from studying.

A spirit needs still hours:
Stilled from doubting
Stilled from hating
Stilled, even, from loving.

Whence come these still hours for the body, and the mind, and the Spirit?
From the Lord, surely.

But where does one go to receive them from Him? Anywhere, everywhere.

I have found them in many places:

when I was a tiny girl there were still hours under my chinaberry tree — I could sit there and see the courtyard with its small town life, And while the hour was still, I thought about life, and God;

when I was a teen-ager there were still hours in my schoolrooms — I could sit there and listen to history, science, literature, language — all the story of man. And while the hour was still, I thought about people, and God;

when I was in college there were still hours on my campus benches — I could sit there on one of them under aged trees dying from parasitic mosses and see the pretties of nature, usually with a boy friend. And while the hour was still, I thought about love, and God;

when I was the mother of three baby boys there were still hours just after I tucked them into bed, snug as bugs. And while the hour was still, I thought about mothers, and God.

while I am the mother of those baby boys growing up (I'm 5' 7" but the just-turned-sixteen-year-old calls me "Shorty") there are not many still hours, but many still moments — when I wait outside their schools — and outside their friends' houses — when I prepare their meals — when I wait my turn for the toothpaste — when I stand in line to check out groceries bought for their unbelievable appetites — when I wait for their ball games and recitals and concerts and programs to begin — when on each birthday I re-live the delightful report, "It's a boy, and he's fine." And while the moment is still, I think about the boys, and God;

as I am wife to James there are still hours — when I sense his presence in a room before I know he is there — when I hear his whistling half a block away — when he winks at me in a crowd (that says, "I love you") — when he tells me I am beautiful (love is blind, you know) — when he senses my fatigue and loads the dishwasher — when I sit and hear him preach (what I know he practices) — when I see him bow his head on a dreary, rainy day and hear him say, "Father, we thank You for this beautiful day" — when I see him bow his head in a spiritual crisis and hear him pray, "Father, we thank You for all your blessings" (I call him an eternal optimist) — when we're together for hours and he is not tired of my company — when we sit alone without sing the same song — when I think how his second allegiance has been unfailingly mine since our wedding day; And while the hour is still, I think about his first allegiance — it's to God.

All my life there have been still hours when night thoughts roam through my mind and help to straighten its corners and tidy its room as if for company — the new day. And while the hour is still, I think about the day, and God.

All my life there have been still hours in my church: when my body is stilled in worshipful surroundings when my mind is stilled by music, prayer, the Word of God when my spirit is stilled in strength from unity with others in worship when it finds strength in knowing others believe in God and trust in Christ. So many people I see through the week do not. Sometimes they make me doubt. Just a little, not much.

When Jesus said, "Peace, be still," it seems to me He spoke to more than the storm.

Surely He spoke to their bodies, minds, and spirits.

Like so, He says to me many times each day, "Peace, be still."

Like these I've mentioned and many others, And I am still.

Still hours, still moments

When I am stilled to know

that He is God,

and that He is good.

THE BAPTIST FORUM I

More About Tokyo And World Alliance

Dear Mississippi Friends,

I should like to give more information, and extend an invitation to you who plan to attend the B.W.A. congress in Tokyo in July. This congress was invited to Japan by four Baptist bodies in Japan: The Japan Baptist Convention, with whom Southern Baptists cooperate, is the largest of the four, with about 140 churches throughout Japan. Though there were only 2 of our churches existing in Tokyo at the end of the war, and only 5 as late as 1958, we now have 24 churches in Tokyo, though four of them are English language churches. Of these 20 Japanese language churches, only 3 have auditoriums that would care for as many as 150. Most of our churches will seat from 60 to 100 people, and the average Sunday morning worship attendance would be about 40 to 60 of intermediate age and up. We do pray that the holding of the World Congress here will lend strength to our work, and result in a great growth as it did in Rio in 1960.

I should like to urge all who come to the congress that they plan to arrive by Saturday, July 11 so they may attend a Japanese language Baptist church on Sunday morning. I believe it will be as meaningful as any experience you will have during your trip. It is not a simple thing to do, however. Alone, you would never find a single one of our churches. Hanakogane Church, of which I am pastor, would like to invite a group of not more than 20 to visit us. I shall arrange for transportation from any Tokyo hotel and return. We also want to prepare a simple lunch, so that you may fellowship with our church members after worship.

I am sure other churches would like to make similar arrangements. If any are interested in this sort of arrangement, I suggest you contact your tour guide, for it seems best to me to have arrangements set up as a group. If any request comes to me from someone responsible for a group, I shall be happy to make necessary arrangements with some interested church. Many of our churches will probably have visiting preachers, speaking through an interpreter that day, so sermons may be heard in English.

Concerning the weather at that season: it may be wet, it may be hot, and it is likely to be both. Hotels and the meeting halls are air conditioned, as well as taxis and busses. For

church attendance, I suggest conservative, though comfortable clothes, but including coats for men. Most churches have shoes taken off before entering, so be careful of holey socks!

Though you might have read disturbing reports from Japan recently, I hope no one will cancel plans for coming due to fear of being involved in violence or unpleasant incidents. I feel confident that you have nothing of that kind to fear. In fact, I can assure you that you will be well received and will leave Japan with a warm feeling toward this country and her people, especially your Christian brothers and sisters here, who look forward to your coming.

Sincerely,
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THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

"A professional team of shopper watchers kept an eye on shoppers in a New York City department store and discovered that 1 out of every 10 shoppers walked out again with merchandise they did not pay for. Nationally, shoplifting is on the upswing. FBI findings show shoplifting increased more than 150% since 1960 — a rise greater than that of any other crime except purse-snatching. Retailers claim prices could be cut 15% across the board if the shoplifting could be stopped. (The New York Times Magazine, 3-15-70)

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Culpepper Will Return To Southern; Dean Named



Culpepper returns to Seminary: Hugh H. Culpepper, director of missions for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, has been named professor of Christian missions and world religions at Southern Seminary, Louisville. He was professor at Southern Seminary before going to the Home Mission Board in 1965. (BP) Photo

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Hugo H. Culpepper, for five years a key executive of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, will return this fall to his former post as W. O. Carver, Professor of Christian Missions and World Religions at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

He held the endowed chair from 1963 to 1965 prior to becoming director of missions for the board. His service on the seminary faculty began in 1959 after 19 years as a missionary in China, the Philippines, Argentina and Chile under appointment by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Culpepper's reappointment to the faculty was a highlight of the annual meeting of the Southern Seminary board of trustees April 7-8.

In other action the trustees elected Ernest J. Loessner to the post of dean of the School of Religious Education, effective immediately. A member of the faculty since 1953, Loessner had been serving as acting dean since August 1, 1969, when Allen W. Graves was shifted to Administrative Dean.

Loessner has been minister of education at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Tex., and First Baptist Church in Amarillo, Tex.

The trustees named Miss Cora Anne Davis, a social worker at the Portland-Bridge Mission Center in Louisville, to the faculty as assistant professor of social work. She has been active in inner-city ministries in the Louisville area for the past 10 years and is the former executive director of the Baptist Community Center in Lexington, Ky.

The board also appointed G. Willis Bennett to the William Walker Brookes Chair of Church and Community, an endowed professorship occupied on a visiting basis in recent years by Home Mission Board executives Arthur B. Rutledge and M. Wendell Belew. Bennett will continue to serve as director of field education and placement in addition to his teaching duties. He joined the faculty in 1959, coming from a North Carolina pastorate.

Trustees named the seminary's new church music school building for V. V. Cooke, Sr., a long-time trustee of the seminary and a well-known Louisville businessman and philanthropist. He gave the seminary its first music school building, a structure now used as the official home for the seminary president.

The board also named the new building's 250-seat recital hall for Dean Forrest H. Heeren, who came to the seminary as director of the department of church music in 1952 and was named dean in 1954 when the seminary's three schools were established.

In other actions, the board promoted Associate Professor D. Swan Haworth to professor of psychology of religion, granted tenure to Richard R. Lin, associate professor of church music, and approved sabbatical leaves for professors Wayne E. Ward, Findley B. Edge, Hugh T. McElrath and J. Phillip Landgrave.

The trustees re-elected Howard Spell, professor at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., as chairman of the board.

The Law And The Profits

(This is a brief sermon offered to the clergy, church musicians and other church members in the United States, prepared and delivered by the Music Publishers' Association of the United States (MPA).)

MPA is a voluntary trade association of music publishers whose members publish most of the music played and sung in American churches.)

The topic of our sermon is from Chapter 20 of the Book of Exodus, Verse 15: "Thou shalt not steal." Now please don't go away! We are talking to you, the good church-going people of America, and we are saying forthrightly that there are thieves among you!

As music publishers, we are the agents of composers, authors and arrangers; we have the music engraved, printed, distributed and advertised, with the hope that church musicians and congregations will find it useful. (Incidentally, many of us in music publishing also take part actively in the music programs of our own churches. So, we know whereof we speak.)

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This way of doing business is in the United States Constitution and with one of the laws of our land: the Copyright Law. The Founding Fathers gave Congress the power "to promote the Progress of Science and the useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries." (U. S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8.)

The intended purpose of the Copyright Law is to encourage creative artists and scientists by making the work of their minds and hands directly profitable to the creators. We have no doubt that publishers constitute one of the channels through which creative people are compensated for their work.

We think you'll agree that this sounds fair so far. Certainly if you wrote or invented something useful, you'd want to be compensated for it.

Where then are the thieves we mentioned earlier? Specifically; they are the people who use photocopying machines (or any other duplicating process) to make illegal copies of copyrighted music.

"One Illegal Copy" equals "No Income" equals "No Writer Royalties" equals "No Incentive to Writers."

And, with photocopying machines becoming ever-present in our society, the temptation is great to "run off a copy." But see what happens in this instance: the manufacturer of the photo-copying machine profits; the supplier of the paper profits; the musician using the music profits; and the congregation profits. Only the publisher and the writer (without whom nothing!) are left with no profit for their work. This is unfair, immoral and illegal.

This is stealing, and we refuse to employ any kinder word for it.

You want to be paid for your work. We agree that you should be.

Will you insure fair payment to the writers of the music you use? We hope you will, and there is only one way you can do it: refuse to allow the use of illegal copies under any circumstances. Make it a rule for yourself and for the people with whom you work.

It is, after all, only a reasonable corollary of The Golden Rule.

Glorieta Assembly To Provide Convention Travel Facilities

GLORIETA, N. M. — Food and lodging for travelers to and from the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver will be available at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, according to Mark Short, assembly manager.

For those who secure paid reservations in advance, travel insurance will be included without charge.

Texas Hall "A" will be open with rooms for two persons and private baths at \$5.00 a day for each room. The Hall of States will provide rooms for three persons and private baths at \$6.00 a day for each room. Thunderbird rooms for four to seven persons with private baths will rent for \$7.50 a day for each room. All linens will be provided, but meal prices are not included in the rate schedule. Food

service will be available at a nominal cost. The rate schedule will be in effect from May 29 through June 7, 1970.

Reservations may be secured by writing to CONVENTION, Box 8, Glorieta, New Mexico 87535.

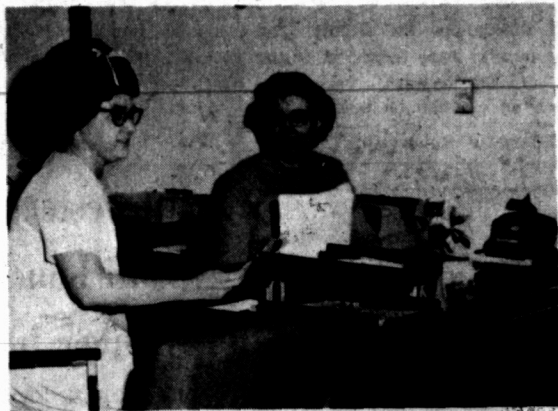
May BH Topics

THE BAPTIST HOUR SERMON TOPICS FOR MAY ARE: May 3, 1970, "A People with a Purpose"; May 10, 1970, "Luxurious Slums"; May 17, 1970, "Religion and Freedom"; May 24, 1970, "The Fountain of Faith"; and May 31, 1970, "The Book of All Books."

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is THE BAPTIST HOUR preacher.



DR. FOY ROGERS has been director of the Department of Cooperative Missions, for the past ten years.



MISS BETTY LEWIS, left, is secretary to Mr. St. John. Miss Grace Lovelace, right, has been with the department since 1960, and an employee of the Convention Board since 1957. She is secretary to Dr. Rogers.



REV. JERRY ST. JOHN, associate, is missionary to the deaf.

Convention Departments -- VIII

Cooperative Missions

The Department of Cooperative Missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, serves through widely varied ministries, many of which are represented in these pictures. Other areas not pictured include the world missions conferences, summer missions and resort mission work in seventeen state parks, rural church emphasis, work among non-evangelicals, pastor-deacon retreats, ministry at Parchman through literature and conferences, the promotion of new work (new churches and new mission) and serving as a liaison with the Home Mission Board. The work with secluded or neglected groups includes a ministry to the migrants, Rev. Andrew Foster, missionary, whose work is largely with agricultural workers near Morton, Health kits, tracts, Good News for Mississippi leaflets, and used clothing, have been distributed to these people, as well as to Mexicans, Indians, and other groups.



MRS. BETTY BINGHAM, left, is secretary to Therman Bryant, associate, right.



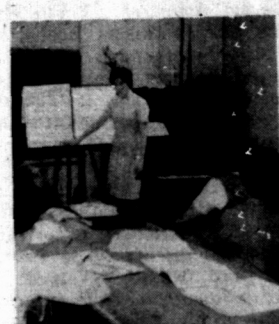
MRS. SANDRA BRANNON, left, is secretary to Rev. Leon Emery, associate, right.



LANGUAGE MISSIONS—ministry to the Choctaw Indians. Dr. Foy Rogers, left representing the Home Mission Board, signs a lease for the property on which a new Baptist Indian Center will be built, in the Pearl River community, Philadelphia. At right is Emmitt York, Choctaw tribal chief, and chairman of the Choctaw Tribal Council. At center is John F. Gordon, Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Mississippi, U. S. Department of the Interior.



SURVEY AND SPECIAL STUDIES: This includes community, area, and telephone surveys. Pictured are two superintendents of missions preparing to work in a survey.



LITERACY MISSIONS provides workshops and training. One Teach One. Mrs. Roy Founders of Aberdeen, is shown teaching at a Literacy Workshop.



LANGUAGE MISSIONS—Rev. and Mrs. Dorton Haggan are general missionaries to the Indians in Mississippi.



MINISTRY TO THE DEAF—Rev. Jerry St. John, missionary to the deaf, teaches a class in sign language at the Baptist Building. Left to right: Miss Betty Smith, Mrs. Roy Womack, Miss Evelyn Keyes, Mr. St. John, Mrs. David Woodall, and Mrs. Roy Cowart. They are saying "give."



MINISTRY TO SPECIAL GROUPS: Dr. Foy Rogers, right, is shown with an industrial executive at a Conference on Industrial Chaplaincy, in Itawamba County.



LANGUAGE MISSIONS—Rev. Paul Chan, pastor of the Chinese Church in Cleveland, is pictured with his family.



WEEKDAY MISSIONS—Mrs. Fred Tarpley, Raul Garcia, Rev. R. L. Lambright, Rev. J. C. Renfro, and Dr. Foy Rogers represent the weekday ministry. Language Missions youth and family counseling, and educational missions. Mrs. Tarpley began the work in weekday ministries; Mrs. Charles Davis is serving now.



IN-SERVICE GUIDANCE—The church-denominational course is taught at all four Baptist colleges. Above, a Mississippi College class tours the Baptist Building. Dr. Norman O'Neal, professor, at left. Dr. Joel Ray teaches the class at William Carey College.



MANY CHURCHES in the state have taken advantage of planning through Church Development, Church Programming, and Long-Range Planning. First Church, Greenville, is an example of churches implementing Long-Range Planning.



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IN-SERVICE GUIDANCE—Dr. Charles Melton, right, and Therman Bryant discuss revision of Introduction to Baptist Work textbook, and plan for a World Missions Conference in Newton County. Mr. Bryant prepared the textbook; Dr. Melton teaches the church-denominational course at Clarke.



ASSOCIATIONAL AND METROPOLITAN MISSIONS—Forty-two superintendents of missions (a group of them pictured) serve in 57 associations and 11 foster mission programs.



IN-SERVICE GUIDANCE provides assistance to student pastors. Pictured are the ministerial students at Blue Mountain, at Ministerial Association meeting. Dr. James Travis, seated, second from left, teaches the church and denominational course; Therman Bryant, is center, seated.



CHURCH ADMINISTRATION: Pictured with Dr. Foy Rogers, fourth from left, and Rev. Leon Emery, third from right, are six of the thirteen approved workers available for assistance in church administration.



MINISTRY TO SPECIAL GROUPS: A clinic on mental retardation is held annually at Ellenville State School. L. to R. Rev. Gordon Shamburger, chaplain, Baptist Hospital; Rev. J. N. Brider, Chaplain, Veterans' Administration Center; Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor, First, Ellenville; Dr. Foy Rogers; Chalmers Lane, school director, and Rev. Jerry St. John, director of the clinic.

Clay County Committee Initiates Move For Re-Call Vote On Sale Of Legal Liquor

The Christian Action Committee of Clay County has initiated a move toward a re-call vote on the legalized sale of liquor in the county. Churches of some of the other denominations have joined forces. Petitions were distributed throughout the county and 1,624 signatures were turned in to the Board of Supervisors, requesting that such an election be held.

The Board of Supervisors has announced that the election will be held June 2. The election will involve the legalized sale of liquor and does not include beer sales.

The Christian Action Committee presently needs funds to get information to the people of Clay County concerning the harmful effects of liquor on the community. Anyone wishing to contribute may send a check to Clay County Christian Action, West Point, Mississippi 39773. Also anyone having information or ideas that would help in this campaign is asked to please pass such along to the committee at the same address.

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Victory Heights Church Constituted In Cleveland

Victory Heights Church, Cleveland, became the newest of Mississippi's Baptist churches at 2:00 P.M. April 19. The church was organized from Victory Heights Mission, with 65 charter members.

The mission began in August, 1960 as a missionary effort on the part of First Church, Boyle. It met for several weeks in the home of Rev. and Mrs. James Brewer but soon outgrew the limited facilities of the home and moved into a fertilizer building. The membership continued to increase and a house was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Prewitt. This house has had one wall knocked out to provide a small sanctuary and limited Sunday school rooms. It has now become necessary to knock out another wall to accommodate overflowing crowds. The church building committee is seeking a new building site.

Many friends and well-wishers gathered with the congregation of approximately 100 people to enjoy the services and the ceremony. Included were Rev. Odis Henderson, associational missionary; Rev. Garland Eaves, pastor of First Church, Gunnison, and associational moderator; Rev. George Myers, pastor of Waxhaw Church, and Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor of First Church, Boyle.

This church has one of the most active visitation programs in the state with ladies meeting on Tuesday nights and men on Thursday nights for that purpose. As a result they are opening the doors of the church on Wednesday evenings as well as Sunday services to accept new converts and new members. Rev. Ronnie Wilburn, who has served as mission pastor, was called as first full-time pastor of the new church.

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Orientation meeting Baptist Building



Gerald Armstrong Church Music Department Baptist Sunday School Board

Pictured above are Children's Approved Music Workers during their orientation at the Church Music Department, Baptist Building. Assisting personnel of the Church Music Department in the orientation was Richard Ham, Children's Music Consultant, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Those present in the picture are: David Larimore, Calvary, Tupelo; J. T. Hannaford, First, Moss Point; Farley Earnest, First, Senatobia; Dan Hall, Richard Ham, Agnes Batson, Marilyn Everett, and Mrs. David Larimore.

Gerald Armstrong, Youth Music Consultant, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will be in Mississippi during the week of May 18 for conferences and to assist with the orientation of Youth Music Approved Workers. Those planning to attend this orientation are: Billy Jack Green, Daniel Memorial, Jackson; Tanner Riley, First, Clinton; Noxie Taylor, First, Louisville; Eddie Prather, First, Yazoo City; Ken Burzynski, First, Eupora; Louis Criswell, Immanuel, Cleveland; and Dennis McIntire, Midway, Jackson.

In addition to Approved Music Workers in the areas of Children and Youth, the Mississippi Church Music Department has enlisted Workers and conducted an orientation for Adult Approved Music Workers. Those who attended this orientation in February were: Allyn Moore, First, Vicksburg; Milton Burd, First, Cleveland; Vernon Polk, First, Grenada; Dennis Kissinger, Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian; Thomas Moak, Ridgecrest, Jackson; Graham Smith, First, Pascagoula; Charles Muller, Woodland Hills, Jackson; and Harry Thompson, First, Brookhaven.

These Approved Workers are available to assist any church or association with their music program upon request. Mrs. Marilyn Everett, new Music Assistant in the Church Music Department, will direct the program.

CORRECTION

We would like to correct two errors which appeared in our Music Column two weeks ago. In the list of the top 30 churches in music enrollment for 1960, the name of the pastor of First, New Albany, Rev. William F. Evans, was inadvertently omitted.

The name of the interim music director of Broadmoor, Jackson, is John Johnson rather than James Johnson.

We regret these two errors.

Sunday School

Report Of Area Meetings

The following report gives attendance in ten Area meetings on "The Bible Teaching Program in the 70's," conducted on April 13-14.

Holly Springs, First	159
Pontotoc, First	174
Starkville, First	222
Newton, First	181
Cleveland, First	180
Jackson, Parkway	300
McComb, First	237
Natchez, First	72
Hattiesburg, Main St.	208
Biloxi, First	207
TOTAL	1940

Southwestern Alumni Luncheon At Denver June 3

FORT WORTH, TEX. — Southwestern Seminary will hold its annual alumni luncheon at the world-famous Brown Palace Hotel immediately following the morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 3, Denver, Colo.

The luncheon program will include speakers, entertainment, and a special report by President Robert E. Naylor. A distinguished alumni awards presentation will also be made to Homer Lindsay, Sr., pastor, First Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Frank W. Patterson, missionary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and general director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex.; and Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the SBC.

A limited number of tickets are now available since capacity in the Grand Ballroom is only 500.

Tickets are on sale for \$4.50 each. Checks should be made payable to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and mailed to John Seelig, Box 22000-3E, Fort Worth, Tex., 76122.

Blue Mountain BSU Elects New Council

Members of the Baptist Student Union Council at Blue Mountain College have been elected for the 1970-71 annual session.

They are as follows: Kaye Wallace, Slaughter, La., President; Jo Ann Johnson, Tutwiler, Vice - President; Mary Margaret Ball, Franklin, Tenn., Secretary - Treasurer; Kathy Little, Houston, Texas, Devotional Chairman; Becky Stennett, Memphis, Publicity Chairman; Pam Baker, West Memphis, Ark., Enrollment Chairman; Rita Sandling, Silver City, Sunday School Representative; Susan Clayton, Springfield, Mo., Training Union Representative; Becky Edwards, Cheval, Tenn., Missions Chairman; Teresa Collins, Kosuth, Music Chairman; Jill McGinnis, Memphis, Social Chairman; Patsy Jarrett, Pontotoc, Christian Citizenship Chairman; Carol Elliott, Memphis, YWA President; Diane Gattis, Jackson, S. C. Interfaith Representative; Ralph Culp, Batesville, Ministerial Representative; Judy Brown, Bruce, Freshman Representative; Miss Emogene Ray, Faculty Advisor. Rev. Robert Sugg is director of the Blue Mountain BSU.

Silver Creek To Celebrate 156th Homecoming

Silver Creek Church will celebrate its 156th annual homecoming on May 3, with all-day services and dinner on the grounds. The public is invited.

Silver Creek, one of the oldest churches in the Pike County area, is located off Highway 48 between Magnolia and Tylertown.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE STUDENT soloists appearing in the 14th Concerto Concert which features appearances of honor students with the MC Orchestra, left to right are: Phil Lowe, violinist, Jackson, Miss.; Joann Roberts, pianist, Baton Rouge, La.; Stephen Huey, tenor, Monticello, Miss.; and Hugh Middleton, pianist, Greenwood, Miss.

MC To Present Annual Concerto Concert

The 14th annual Concerto Concert will be presented by the Mississippi College Department of Music on Thursday evening, April 30 at 8:15 p.m. Featured performers are Phil Lowe, violinist; Joann Roberts, pianist; Steve Huey, tenor; and Hugh Middleton, pianist. These music majors were selected by the music faculty to perform with the Mississippi College Community Orchestra under the direction of Allan R. Fuller.

In a tribute to the bicentennial year of Beethoven's birth, Mr. Lowe will play the "Romance in F major for Violin"; Mr. Middleton will play the "Piano Concerto No. 5"; Mr. Huey will sing the art song "Adeleide"; and the Community Orchestra will play the "Egmont Overture."

Miss Roberts will play the Franck "Symphonic Variations." The orchestra will complete the program with Torelli's "Christmas Concerto."

The music for this occasion is provided by a grant from the Music Performance Trust Funds (Jerome H. Adler, Trustee), a public service organization created and financed by the Recording Industries under agreement with the American Federation of Musicians. The grant was obtained with the cooperation of Local 579, A.F.M.

The concert will be presented in Nelson Hall Auditorium on the college campus. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend.

Calvary, Newton, Adopts Resolution As Tribute To Life Of A. L. McGaugh

Calvary Church, Newton, Rev. Cliff Estes, pastor, on April 12, adopted a resolution of tribute to the memory of A. L. McGaugh:

"Whereas it has pleased the Lord God in His perfect but inscrutable wisdom to call our beloved Brother A. L. McGaugh from our midst to the home on high, and

"Whereas Brother McGaugh has rendered invaluable service to the Lord in and through Calvary Baptist Church, both while we were a mission of the First Baptist Church and since we have been constituted as a church, having served as Sunday school teacher, Training Union director, deacon, church clerk, and the church's representative on the executive committee of Newton County Association; and

"Whereas his Christian interest and labors extended beyond the bounds of his own church, as for example he was for more than eight years an active

member of the Gideons organization and personally participated in placing hundreds of Bibles in schools, in hospitals and in hotels and motels; and

"Whereas his ennobling Christian influence enriched the lives of thousands of students, both in the public schools where he taught and for almost twenty-one years at Clarke Memorial College, earning for him the complimentary cognomen, 'Pop,' as a mark of respect, therefore

"Be it resolved by the Calvary Baptist Church of Newton, that we acknowledge the loss of a brother beloved whose consistent daily life, constant loyalty to his church, faithful performance of the duties in positions of responsibility entrusted to him, and dedicated service to our Lord will long be remembered and will serve as an example worthy of emulation"

When there is no thirst for righteousness the sermon is "dry."

Garrisons Appointed To HMB Christian Service Corps

Service Corps workers in Montana for the month of June. Mr. Garrison will be preaching, and both will be working in Vacation Bible Schools and with the Indians. They will be serving under the direction of Rev. Oliver Marson of Poplar, Montana, who was a former pastor in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Mr. Garrison, an ordained minister, is a graduate of Mississippi State University and has had seminary extension work at Blue Mountain College. Mrs. Garrison, the former Syble Logan, is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. Rev. and Mrs. Garrison are in the Tippah Association, where Rev. Harry Phillips is associational missionary.

language pastor of Santo Domingo's First Baptist Church. Born in Glendale, Ky., he lived in several towns in Mississippi and Texas while growing up. Mrs. May is the former Frances Burke. A native of Georgia, she was born in Brooks County and also lived in Valdosta during girlhood.

Mrs. Omie Holcomb's family surprised her on April 20 with a birthday dinner. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Joe Holcomb and family, Dinah Tabitha Lee and Joey Holcomb; Rev. and Mrs. Elford Holcomb, Jr., and son, John Mark; Mr. and Mrs. David Holcomb, Vickie, Judy, and Tim Holcomb; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holcomb, and daughter, Pamela; Mr. and Mrs. Elford Holcomb, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Graham, and family, all of Pontotoc.



Rev. and Mrs. Garrison

Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor, First Church, Newton, recently preached for a revival meeting in First Baptist Church, Juneau, Alaska. Rev. Hollis V. Bryant, another Mississippian, is pastor of the Juneau church.

Bryan Brand, William Carey College's Director of Admissions, Bryan Brand, received word that he has been named to the 1970 listing of "Outstanding Young Men of America." A native of Flat River, Missouri, he is a graduate of William Carey College with a degree in Business Administration. He has served for six years as an officer in the United States Army. Married to the former Vicki Lynn Harris, he is the father of two children — a son, Todd, age 2, and a daughter, Martie, age 4 months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brand of Missouri. The Brands are members of First Church, Hattiesburg, where Brand teaches a 9th grade Sunday School class of young men.

Rev. and Mrs. E. V. May Jr., missionary associates, were scheduled on April 17 to leave Costa Rica; where they have been engaged in language study. Their new address will be Apartado 880, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. May will be English.

Danny Wilmon was recently ordained to the ministry by the West Jackson-St. Church, Tupelo. Rev. Richard Clement, pastor. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. R. J. Wilmon. Mr. Wilmon is pastor of Union Chapel Church, Chickasaw Association.

Rev. E. C. Blackwell, who has served pastorates in recent years in Monroe, La., and Pontotoc Associations in northeast Mississippi, has announced plans to enter interim pastoral work, evangelistic work, and pulpital supply work. Mr. Blackwell was recognized in 1966 by the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for leading his church to rate in the top 25 churches in the state Baptist convention, in the ratio of baptisms to church membership. He again received this recognition in 1968, in the top 50 churches. Mr. Blackwell may be contacted at his home, 1708 Forrest St., Tupelo, Miss. (telephone 842-4481 Tupelo.)

Mr. and Mrs. Michel S. Simoneaux, missionaries to Japan, may now be addressed at 22 Kami Ikeda Ch'o, Kitashirakawa-Sakyo-Ku, Kyoto 606, Japan. He is a native of New Orleans. The former Bonnie Rushing, she was born in Magnolia, Miss., and leans while growing up. lived in Summit, Miss., and New Or-

To Give Senior Recital
Sara Pryor Simmons, soprano, will be presented in her senior voice recital at 8 p.m. on May 7, in the auditorium of Garrett Hall, Blue Mountain College. This recital is in partial fulfillment of the Bachelor of Music degree. Mrs. Simmons, the former Sara Pryor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Pryor, of Oxford, is a graduate of Batesville High School. Mrs. Simmons and her two daughters, Monica and Heather, have been living in Oxford this year while Staff Sergeant Earl M. Simmons was serving in Vietnam. They will join him at Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station, South Carolina in June after Mrs. Simmons completes her work at Blue Mountain College. Mrs. Robert Formosa will be piano accompanist for Mrs. Simmons. The public is invited to the recital and to the reception following.

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Blue Mountain To Present "The King And I"



IN REHEARSAL for the spring production at Blue Mountain College, Children of the King and their Governess, Anna, gather to practice singing before their Royal King. Front row, left to right: Laura Fisher, Susan Washburn, Linda Owen, Twyla Bennett, Lynn Owen, Luann Travis, Gina Flatt, all of Blue Mountain. Back row, left to right: Anna, the Governess, Kathy Little of Houston, Texas; Don Yates of Blue Mountain; Skipper Benson of Ripley; Don Owen, Johnny Travis, and Hal Fisher, all of Blue Mountain.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical production, "THE KING AND I", will be presented by the Fine Arts Division of Blue Mountain College in Garrett Auditorium at 8 p. m. on Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1, and at 7:30 p. m. on Saturday, May 2. Director of the production is J. L. Williams, Assistant Professor of Speech. Student assistant is Ann Walker, Southaven.

The cast is as follows:
Anna Leonowens, Kathy Little, Houston, Texas; King, Ronnie Dix, New Albany; Louis Leonowens, Ted Porter, New Albany; Luntha, Joe Meurrier, Blue Mountain; Tuptim, Eleanor Griffin, Calhoun City; Captain Orton, Richard Gray, New Albany; Kralahome, Dwight Wymer, Blue Mountain; Phra Atack, Mike Lovorn, Batesville; Lady Thiang, Martie Cowart, Bogue Chitto; Prince Chulalong Korn, Roxanne Tucker, Memphis; Sir Edward Ramsey, Robert Sugg, Blue Mountain; Priests of

Siam, Jimmy Travis, Phillip Travis, Troy Newby, all of Blue Mountain.
ROYAL WIVES: Sue Hill, Mobile, Ala.; Eva James, Meridian; Jan Simmons, Henderson, Tenn.; Donna Smith, Meridian; Frances Tamboli, Memphis; Jo Ann Johnson, Tutwiler; Joy McCreary, Baldwin; Vicky Herrington, Rayville, La.; Marie Cox, Scooby; Mary Margaret Ball, Franklin, Tenn.

Amazons, Ann Walker, Southaven; Kay Brown, Memphis; Princess Ying Yalwoak, Pam Binkley, Goodlettsville, Tenn.; Slaves, Roger Maxey, David Rogers, both of New Albany.
CHILDREN OF THE KING: Twyla Bennett, Don Yates, Johnny Travis,

Three hundred persons have enrolled for English Bible classes in the new Baptist student center in Bandung. Others drop in to read, study, talk, play games, sing and listen to tapes.

Don Owen, Linda Owen, Susan Washburn, Lynn Owen, Gina Flatt, Luann Travis, Laura Fisher, Hal Fisher, all of Blue Mountain, and Skipper Benson, Ripley.

"THE SMALL HOUSE OF UNCLE THOMAS": Narrator (Tuptim), Eleanor Griffin, Calhoun City; Uncle Thomas, Gigi Agent, Ripley; Simon Legree, Lynn Bennett, Memphis; Little Eva, Anne Hill, Cedar Bluff; Little Topsy, Jan Simmons, Henderson, Tenn.; Eliza, Frances Tamboli, Memphis; George, Kathy Reeves, Memphis.

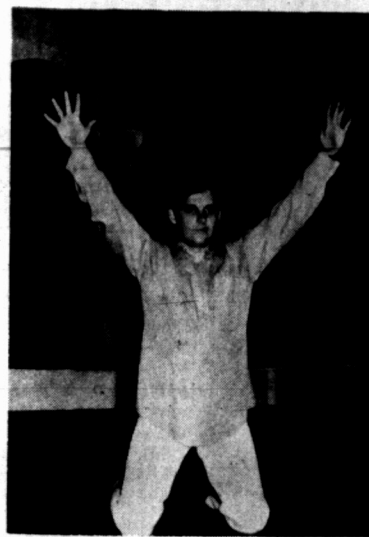
Boys, Jimmy Travis, Phillip Travis, Troy Newby, all of Blue Mountain; Girls Chorus, Sue Hill, Mobile, Ala.; Marie Cox, Scooby; Mary Ann Hall, North Little Rock, Ark.; Slaves, Roger Maxey, David Rogers, both of New Albany; Dogs, Judy Brown, Bruce; Ann Gray, New Albany; Daddah, Ann Gilley, Memphis; Angel, Donna Smith, Meridian.

The public is invited. All seats will be reserved. Contact J. L. Williams at the college for reservations.

McDowell Road Church Expresses Disapproval Of Christian Life Commission Policies

The McDowell Road Church, Jackson, Rev. John C. Hilbun, pastor, on April 19 passed the following resolution concerning the Christian Life Commission, SBC:

"We believe that the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention for a long time has taken positions on issues which are contrary to our concept of the Biblical revelation and the Biblical purpose of the church. The recent conference in Atlanta, Georgia has re-emphasized this belief to us. We most strongly feel that this type emphasis has made the work of evangelism harder and has misrepresented the true evangelistic and conservative position of our church. We further believe that the Christian Life Commission is a servant of the church and is doing



RONNIE DIX of New Albany, rehearses in one of his action scenes for the spring production at Blue Mountain College, "THE KING AND I," to be presented on April 30, May 1, and May 2, in Garrett Auditorium. Mr. Dix portrays the role of the King.

Thursday, April 30, 1970

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BMC GRAD

Missionary Journeyman "Loses Heart To Africa"

Edna Huskison of Ripley, Miss., was graduated from Blue Mountain (Miss.) College two years ago; the following August she was commissioned a journeyman by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Assignment: social worker and teacher in the Baptist good will center, Nairobi, Kenya.

Now Miss Huskison has almost completed her assignment. She will return to Ripley in June. Here are excerpts from a letter she wrote as her two-year team of service drew to a close.

"These have been the most marvelous, joyfully, spiritually filled two years of my life. As each day of 1970 passes, it is grudgingly given over to the following one, for journeyman service is almost completed for 1968 missionary journeyman.

"I agreed to be called Journeyman, but little did I realize what I was in

for. I was not prepared. . . . for the wonderful African spirit, . . . for the delightful, dancing joy of the many, many children, . . . for the concern on the faces of students as a young teacher gropes her way through an explanation and searches for some glimmer of understanding,

. . . for the beauty of a smile on the black face of a friend, . . . for the dimpled, tear-stained cheek of a tiny kindergarten boy, . . . for the magnificent wildlife, . . . for the breathtaking beauty of an African sunrise over the blue-green waters of the Indian Ocean, . . . for the wonderful, responsive love of Christians.

"I was not prepared to lose my heart to Africa and her people."

Spring Hill Calls Pastor

On Sunday, April 12, Spring Hill church, Calhoun Association, called Rev. Kenneth McMillen of Calhoun City as pastor. He moved on the field April 25.

For the past four years he has served Calhoun Association as association Training Union director. Also he has served Second Church, Calhoun City, as educational director and interim pastor, and Bradford Chapel Church, Gore Springs as interim pastor, where he was ordained on Dec. 15, 1968.

The McMillens have two daughters, ages 6 and 8.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

From Persecutor To World Missionary

A Disciple Witnessing To A Transformed Life

By Clifton J. Allen

Acts 9:1-31; 11:19-30; Galatians 1:11-17

The conversion of Saul of Tarsus was perhaps the most crucial event during the early years subsequent to the earthly ministry of Jesus. The fiercest enemy of Christianity became its most zealous and influential advocate. Saul, who had consented to the martyrdom of Stephen, seems to have been unable to forget the impact of Stephen's testimony. Thus, as Saul made his way to Damascus with murderous purpose against the Christians, he himself was confronted by the living Christ. The encounter with Jesus, risen from the dead, changed Saul's life.

The Lesson Explained PERSECUTOR OF THE FAITH (Gal. 1:11-14)

With this passage we should keep in mind also Acts 9:1-2. It is important to remember, further, Paul's own description of his attitude and activity before he became a Christian. He was vehement and determin-

ers, feeling that he was doing service to God. So zealous and effective was Saul that he became the recognized leader of those persecuting the followers of Christ, achieving status in Judaism beyond his years. When he largely accomplished his objective in Jerusalem, he obtained approval to go to Damascus to search out the Christians there and bring them bound back to Jerusalem. Saul gave himself with passionate purpose to drive the Christians underground or drag them to prison or death.

CONVERT TO THE FAITH Gal 1:15-17)

Luke's account of Saul's conversion, found in Acts 9:3-19, needs to be kept in mind as we study Paul's own testimony about his conversion in the letter to the Galatians. Paul was writing some fifteen years after his conversion, but that experience was unforgettable. On the Damascus road he came face to face with Jesus. He suddenly discovered that the claims of the Christians were true: Jesus was alive. He discovered that he was actually persecuting Jesus by his persecution of the Christians. He discovered his own sinfulness, his unbelief, his self-conceit as to his own righteousness, his rebellious spirit against the Lord, and his utter helplessness and unworthiness before God. Saul became aware of the goodness of God in Jesus Christ. And there something happened. He humbled himself before Jesus in repentance and surrender and trust; and he experienced the quickening of new life and a sense of assurance that he was being accepted by God through faith in Jesus Christ.

After three days of fasting and reflection, Saul received a message from the Lord through Ananias. Then his sight was restored. He was then baptized, openly confessing the faith he had sought to destroy. Through reconciliation and the grace of forgiveness, Saul was a convert to the faith.

PREACHING THE FAITH (Acts 11:19-26)

Saul's conversion experience called for a radical redirection of his life. He tells us in Galatians that he withdrew into Arabia for three years—for prayer, for searching, to find a fuller understanding of God's purpose for his life. And there he discovered the full meaning of the gospel through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Returning to Damascus from Arabia, Saul began to preach in the synagogues to prove that Jesus was indeed the Son of God. A plot against his life caused him to leave and go to Jerusalem, not to get accreditation from the apostles, but to declare his faith. Again enemies of the gospel sought to kill him, and he returned to Tarsus, where now he preached the faith he had once sought to destroy. When the new movement began in

south, Saul, who returned with Barnabas to Antioch and joined in a teaching revival with the church for a year.

Truths to Live By

Christ in one's life makes a radical difference. — Such a person has a new kind of life, a gift of God. He is indwelt by the Spirit of God. He has accepted Christ as his Lord. He can claim unique sonship in the family of God. He has a new responsibility as a follower of Christ. He has a power to do good things and to manifest love toward other persons which he never had before. He has hope — and he can have assurance — of life with Christ forever. How radically different indeed! The Christian, before conversion, was dead in trespasses and sins; but now he is alive in Christ.

Reality in conversion strengthens Christian commitment and witnessing. — This is a reason why it is important for each Christian to think seriously about his conversion, to test its reality, and to discover its deeper meaning of joy and obligation. The person with hazy understanding about what conversion is and with uncertain conviction about a personal conversion experience will feel no strong bond of commitment to Christ and have no clear word of testimony about Christ. When this experience becomes real in terms of a living relationship with Jesus Christ, the Christian has an authentic story to share. He can tell others what Christ means to him. He can witness to forgiveness and peace and guidance and help and joy, all through Christ. When conversion is real, the inspiration for commitment is strong.

Luke 7:36-50

by Bill Duncan

Ethel Barrett in the book, *Will the Real Phony Please Stand Up*, gives three illustrations that speak to our subject in a real way. The transformed life is one in which Christ and the world can see the difference. John Bunyan was quite a descriptive writer. With sarcasm he draws the character of Mr. Talkative in the book, *Pilgrim's Progress*. This is what he says about Mr. Talkative. "He talks of prayer, of repentance, of the new birth, and of faith; but he knows but only to talk of them. I have been in his family, and his house is a empty of religion as the white of an egg is of flavor."

In another illustration Barrett says, "you have one tongue in your head and two tongues in your shoes, and no matter what the tongue in your head says, the tongues in your shoes tell what you are doing and where you are going and the great truth is that"



The third illustration is about the great but late Dr. Alfred Adler who built an approach to the theory of individuals psychology on the "Admission Trust only movement." "He contended that life happens at the level of actions not words. What we say is neither here nor there unless it is in agreement with our actions. We are what we do! And what we do is the real answer to what we mean and intend."

The scene of our study is the home of Simon the Pharisee. It was the custom that when a great Teacher was in such a house, all kinds of people came in to listen to the pearls of wisdom which he might give. So people moved around the table quite freely. It was also the custom that the guest would have three acts of courtesies extended to him. (1) He would have the kiss of peace to show respect. (2) He would have his feet washed. (3) Either some incense was burned or a drop of attar of roses was placed on the guest's head.

In this case, not one of the courtesies had been extended to Jesus. Why? It could have been that those present had only a half-hearted desire to show an interest in Christ and at the same time that Simon did not want to be openly identified with the movement.

There wandered in one who is called a bad woman, one whom many believe was a prostitute. Somewhere she had heard Christ speak and knew of his love for sinners. In his presence she felt the conviction of sin. Wanting to express her love, she poured costly perfume upon his feet and began to wipe them with her long hair. For a woman to appear with her hair un-

bound was an act of gravest immodesty. But in the great moment of love she had forgotten everyone except Jesus.

Barclay suggests this contrast between Simon and the woman who does not even have a name. (1) "Simon was conscious of no need and therefore felt no love, and therefore received no forgiveness. Simon was a good man in his own eyes." Self-sufficiency cut him off from Christ's help. (2) The woman was conscious of nothing else than her need, and therefore was overwhelmed with love for Him who could supply it, and therefore received forgiveness. A sense of need will open the door to the forgiveness of God. Because God loves sinners we can find the forgiveness we all may have.

We need always to remember Jesus' attitude toward sinners. He said he came not to minister to the well but to the sick. He was always trying to make sinners well by forgiveness that came through faith in Him. It is true that we are not of the world. We need to keep sin out of our lives. But we cannot become isolated from the world. Our only hope of winning people to faith in Christ is Jesus Christ's method of loving sinners through His forgiveness.

The one who had been forgiven expressed her faith and gratitude in the open. Jesus said that Simon had not even been a good host, but this sinner had kissed his feet, washed his feet and made them smell with perfume. She wanted to say, "I love the Lord." The greater the sin the more transformed our lives become after His forgiveness.

Our world is looking today to see the transformed life we are talking about. They will seek forgiveness if they can tell from us that the Christ way really works. Our lives will be an open testimony of what Christ can do.

Big Level Homecoming

Big Level Church, Wiggins, will have homecoming day on May 3. There will be the regular service on Sunday morning, with dinner on the church grounds, and an afternoon program.

A special offering will be taken for upkeep of the cemetery, according to Rev. David Perry, pastor.

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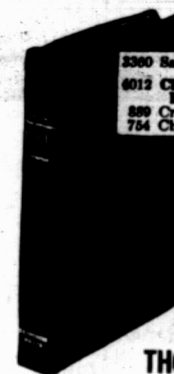
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Honors Day Awards At Carey

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE STUDENTS Mary Lynn Stampley, Jackson, and Ronnie Melton, Mobile, are shown being congratulated by Mississippi Lt. Governor Charles Sullivan following the annual Honor's Day program on April 21. The two students were presented the highest award of the day—the Judson Chastain Citizenship Award. The two were selected for outstanding service and accomplishment by a secret faculty committee. Lt. Governor Sullivan was the special speaker for the day. In addition to the highest award, Miss Stampley was also the recipient of the mathematics award for a perfect 4.0 average and was given the Senior Scholarship award for having made the highest academic average over a four-year period, higher than any graduating senior. Her average is 3.95. Miss Stampley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Stampley.



Clarke College Choral Groups Tour

From left: Jolyn Gomillion, Union; Jackie Forshee, Belle Chasse, La.; Kerry Sartain, Oakman, Ala.; Rita Brashier, Kosciusko, officers of the Clarke College Concert Choir, receive assurance from Dr. W. L. Compere of his wishes for a successful tour. Right, R. O. Thomas, Meridian, driver of bus. Led by J. B. McElroy, teacher of voice and chorus, and accompanied by Mrs. Ernestine McGaugh, dean of women; Woodie Burt, admissions counselor, and Wayne Duggin, teacher of organ and piano, 43 students composing the Concert Choir and Clarke College Singers, left for a tour of a large portion of Mississippi on April 19. Their itinerary included churches and schools in the area of Jackson, Greenwood, Charleston, Ackerman, Louisville, Brookhaven, Lumberton, Pass Christian, McLain, Prentiss and other points. They returned to Newton Friday night, April 24.

Spiritual Blindness

Mark 10:46-52

By Robert E. Self, Edon Church, Stringer

Many of the major denominations in America are finding it increasingly difficult to keep pace with the spiritual needs of the people. We find that people are being born faster than they are being converted. There has been a decline in many significant areas of spiritual life, such as attendance in worship services on any given Lord's Day, the number of people who are going into a church related vocation, and the number of people surrendering to mission work. In addition, crime is increasing, alcohol and dope are becoming more acute each day, and more and more homes are being culminated in divorce. Our problem is not new, however. It is an extension of the sickness that prevails throughout the world today, and it is characterized by a blindness in spiritual matters.

Our text contains the story of a man who had many problems in life. He was blind. Because of this problem, he had to be helped by others to carry on his daily affairs. Although his condition deprived him of the ability to see physically, he still was able to perceive his own spiritual condition and to do something about it.

Bartimaeus was poor as well. His poverty was but an extension of his physical problem. He was forced to support himself by begging. Tattered and ragged as he was, many would pass him by, seeing him as little more than an animal. Others would pause as they passed his way and share with him their food or money. But while this man was poor as material things go, he was also poor spiritually and he recognized that poverty. This recognition enabled him to make the adjustment that he needed to make when Jesus came his way. We are easily reminded of the words of Jesus when He said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." (Matt. 5:3)

Bartimaeus was helpless. The physical condition of blindness brought upon him a greater amount of dependency upon others than he normally would have assumed. When he noted the degree of his helplessness, he was ready to learn that he could not help himself spiritually. And so, when Jesus came that way, he cried out for help. When Jesus heard him, He called for him and healed him because of his faith.

Bartimaeus cried out at the right time. It has often been pointed out that Jesus never passed that way again. He was on His way to Jerusalem where he would die. What if Bartimaeus had failed to cry out when he had the opportunity?

Today, the cure for man's loss of direction and purpose is found in the same place that Bartimaeus found his need. The conditions have not changed. We must recognize our spiritual poverty, see our helplessness and cry out to Christ in Faith as He passes our way.

Revival Results

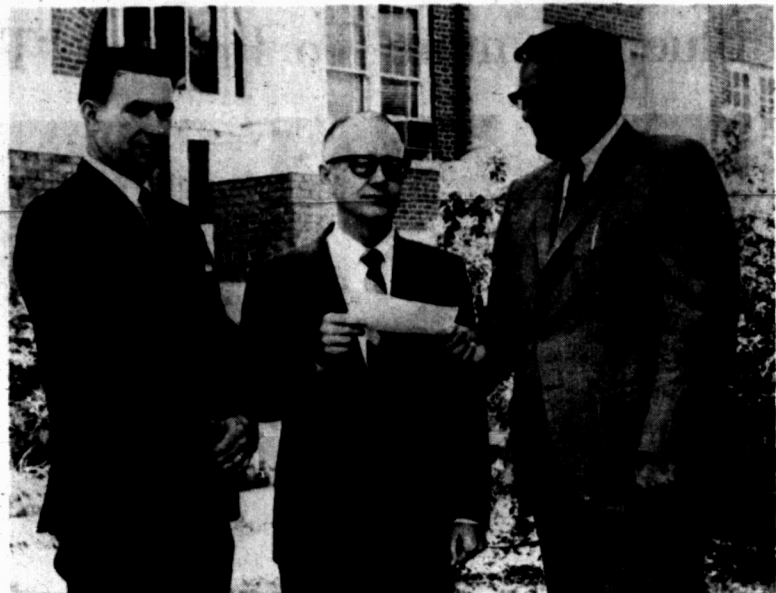
Antioch (Neshoba): March 20 - 23; three professions of faith, for baptism; one by transfer of letter; many rededications; Rev. W. A. Troutman, pastor, Sebastopol Church, evangelist; Johnnie Pierce, in charge of music; Doyle Pierce, pianist; Rev. Albert H. McMullen, pastor.

Meadow Brook, Byhalia (DeSoto County): April 13-19; Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor, Carriage Hills Church, Southaven, evangelist; Gary Black, singer; 16 came for baptism; four by letter; 28 rededications; Rev. Alvin Kitchen, pastor.

Vardaman: April 12-17; Rev. Elford Holcomb, Jr., evangelist; four professions of faith; six rededications; Rev. Rickey Holloway, pastor.

Glade Church, Laurel: April 12-17; Rev. W. C. Burns, evangelist; Candler Blackburn, minister of music of Glade Church, led in the music; 8 for baptism, 6 by letter; Rev. Roy Myers, pastor.

Satan and temptation and sin are not worn-out words of ancient theology. Call them what you may, they are fierce facts in human experience. —Clifton J. Allen in "Points for Emphasis, 1970," Broadman Press.



Carey Receives Check For \$1,000

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE academic vice-president, Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, center accepts a \$1,000 check on behalf of the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges from C. F. Litzau, manager of Western Electric Company of the Louisiana-Mississippi area. M. D. Hill, Hattiesburg representative of Western Electric looks on. The check was sent to Mrs. Virginia Metz, executive secretary of the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges, Inc. in Jackson. Three Mississippi Baptist colleges benefit from gifts to the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges.

Miss Auris Pender, Emeritus Missionary Returning To Field

Miss Auris Pender, native of West, Miss., who served almost 34 years as a Southern Baptist missionary in China, Hong Kong, Hawaii, Singapore and Malaysia before retiring less than a year ago, plans to return to the mission field.

Miss Pender will be treasurer for the Malaysia - Singapore Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). She was mission treasurer for about seven of the 15 years she was stationed in Singapore. She also assisted in church development during that time.

R. Keith Parks, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Southeast Asia, said that Miss Pender, who lives in Kosciusko, Miss., is being requested to go back to the field for a 15-month interim assignment.

Sidney C. Reber was business manager and treasurer of the Mission until becoming director of the management services division of the board in Richmond, Va., last year. Graham B. Walker of Orlando, Fla., was employed by the board as a missionary associate to fill the vacancy left by Reber, but he will need time to learn the duties of his new position.

Trinity Church Has Youth Teams

Trinity Baptist Church, 837 Craft Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38116 has four youth teams consisting of a preacher, singer, pianist, and a couple to give personal testimonies. These young people have surrendered their lives to the preaching ministry and also the ministry of music. They would like the opportunity to serve in the general area this summer. They will be available for youth-led revivals, youth camps, youth retreats, etc. If you would like to have them in your church, please write the church or call the church office, 397-4447.

Rev. W. A. "Billy" Smith, pastor, recommends the young people as very effective Christians who will give a maximum effort in every area of need, including personal soul-winning.

Elmo Homecoming

Elmo Church, Jefferson County, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, May 10. Rev. B. L. Cooper, pastor, will preach at the morning service.

Following dinner on the grounds will be a business meeting concerning the cemetery, and a song service.

Communications Workshop Trains Asian Baptists

An experiment in on-the-job training for Christian communicators involved 20 persons in a two-week workshop at the Baptist mass communications center in Bangkok, Thailand.

Lectures on mass communication theory, programming and use of the voice, and practice in scriptwriting, program recording and radio drama comprised the morning and afternoon sessions. The total course covered 80 hours.

The workshop grew out of a need to train Baptist leaders in the use of radio, TV and films for evangelism, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Ronald C. Hill.

"The conviction behind the effort is that a capable corps of trained nationals rather than missionaries is the long-term answer to evangelism through mass media in Asia," said Hill.

Full-time participants in the workshop included four staff personnel of the Baptist communications center, five staff personnel from Far East Broadcasting Company, eight students or recent graduates of the Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary, a Bangkok Baptist pastor and two church members. Four other pastors audited some of the lectures.

From among the participants a group will be organized to assist in radio drama and in putting Thai sound tracks on film for evangelistic use, Hill said.

Terry Assumes Regional Post

J. O. Terry Jr., Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, will become the Foreign Mission Board's regional radio and television representative for East Asia and Southeast Asia on May 1. He was elected to the position by the board during its April meeting.

Terry was recommended for the job by Southern Baptist missionary specialists in the broadcast media during a conference in Manila last November.

According to R. Keith Parks, the board's secretary for Southeast Asia, Terry will coordinate the efforts of missionaries in radio and television work in Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, Hong Kong and Taiwan.



Lorena Primaries Present Special Program

THE PRIMARY CLASS OF Lorena Church presented an Easter Devotion at the church on Easter Sunday. The class had brought extra offerings each Sunday in March to buy the church an Easter lily (pictured in background.) The program included, left to right: Scotty Hawkins, "The Legend of the Dogwood," Diana Derrick, John 3:16; Paula Heard and George Wayne Arinder, Psalm 23; Stephen Harris, "At the Dawn of Easter Day," Roger Allen Barnes, "Easter Bells, What Do They Say?"; Randy Henderson, Scripture reading from Matthew; group singing of "Jesus Loves Me," and repetition of the Lord's Prayer (as shown.) Primary Class teachers are Mrs. Gordon Harris, Mrs. Otis Heard, and Mrs. George Arinder. Rev. C. M. Grayson of Magee is the pastor. Children enrolled, but not present for the picture, were Melvia Hawkins, Mike Hawkins, Mike McWilliams, Barber Stewart, Jennifer Bufkins, and Matthew Jenkins.

Revival Dates

First Church, Yazoo City: May 3-6; theme, FOUR GREAT DAYS; guest evangelist Rev. Harold A. Shirley, pastor of Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (Shirley was pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, from August 1956 - November 1960); leading the revival music will be Eddy Nicholson, composer of the world-famous hymn, "Try Jesus, Man of Galilee," and other well-known songs; services 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Monday - Wednesday; regular services for the opening Sunday, May 3; Rev. James F. Yates, pastor.

Bethsaida (Neshoba): May 3-8; Rev. James Williams, evangelist; Rev. Jerry McMullen, pastor.

Central Church, Brookhaven: Rev. Herman A. Milner, pastor, Van Winkle Church, Jackson, evangelist; Jerry Thomas, Central Church's music minister, in charge of music; 24 professions of faith; 45 rededications; three by transfer of letter; one (Dale Oster) surrendering to preach the gospel. (The pastor, Rev. James F. Smith, states, "I baptized 12 on Wednesday night during the revival. We have two classes now for new church membership orientation, every Sunday night. We have had 31 professions of faith and 26 by letter since Oct. 1, 1969).

Rawls Springs (Lebanon): May 3-10; Rev. Billy Crosby, pictured, pastor of Orchard Church, Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Rev. Bill Mitchell, pastor song leader; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Franklin (Madison): May 3-8; Rev. Carl Savell, pastor of Woodville Heights Church, Jackson, evangelist; Larry Cox, Clinton, song leader; Sunday services 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Monday through Friday 7:30 p.m.; dinner on ground after service on May 3; Rev. Ed Perrett, pastor.

Raymond Road Church (Hinds County): Tenth Anniversary and Revival, May 3-8; Rev. H. J. Bennett, pastor at Byram, evangelist; music led by Randy Smith; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. R. R. Newman, pastor; regular services and Homecoming Dinner on the Ground, May 3.

New Providence (Copiah): May 1-3; Rev. Larry Glass, evangelist; Rev. Larry Costlow, pastor; services Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; dinner on the ground Sunday; regular services Sunday.

Off The Record

BONED UP A BIT

Explorer: "Does you know anything about religion?"

Cannibal Chief: "Well, we had a taste of it when the last missionary was here."

IN A SPECIAL ORBIT

Television these days is confusing the younger set. The Westerns and the space programs seem to mix them up quite a bit. Recently a six-year-old viewer, was prancing about the house decked out in a space helmet and other appropriate garb. He spotted his father and hailed him with, "Put 'er thar, you onery old horned toad, or I'll plug you with my six-shooter."

"But, son," protested his father, "you're talking Western, not space."

"I," replied his son with considerable composure, "am from West Mars."

LAKE LOONEY

Two screwballs at a vacation resort rented a hotel boat and found great fishing at a certain spot in a nearby lake. It was so good that they decided to mark the place so they could come back for more sport the next day.

At the dock, one asked the other, "How did you mark the spot?"

"I put a chalk mark on this side of the boat," was the reply.

"Boy, are you dumb!" exclaimed the first idiot. "Maybe we won't get the same boat."

SIGN OF THE TIMES

The father would not buy a color television set. His son tried everything to change his mind. One evening, the father came home to find this sign on the front porch:

"See the ONLY black - and white television in the neighborhood—25c!"

First, Wiggins: May 3-8; Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, pastor, First, Grenada, evangelist; Vernon W. Polk, First, Grenada, music director; Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Monday-Friday at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Summer Missionaries Prepare For Service

STUDENT FOREIGN MISSION appointees from five states gathered at Mississippi College April 18 for a period of orientation prior to departing to their fields of service during summer vacation. Miss Sarah Spain (second from right) of the Foreign Mission Board was on hand to conduct the training session. Pictured with her are representatives from each state. From left are Jennie Butler, Mississippi College, Israel; Bruce Young, Louisiana Tech, Zambia; Bob Moon, Georgia Southern College, Malaysia; Warren Jones, University of Florida, Israel; Miss Spain; and Carman Chandler, Providence School of Nursing in Mobile, Ala., Gaza—M.C. Photo by Norman Gough



Mississippi Summer Missionaries Gather At MC

THESE SEVEN STUDENTS from various colleges in the state were among representatives from five states who gathered at Mississippi College April 18 to receive instructions on their summer mission appointments. The students, their college and place of service are, from the left, Jennie Butler, Mississippi College, Israel; Ed Causey, Mississippi College, Germany; Bill Garrett, Mississippi College, Philippines; Brenda Spencer, University of Mississippi School of Nursing, Ghana; Kaye Wallace, Blue Mountain College, Guam; Dennis Johnsey, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Jamaica; and Linda Ballard, Clarke College, Jamaica.—MC Photo by Norman Gough